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The walking wounded

■ While the trial has ended, for Const. Mike Landry the healing has just begun

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

On the night of July 2, 1993, some people got drunk at a cottage. It's something that happens every Friday night in the summer in the Highlands. This time, however, things turned nasty when two of the men started fighting over a woman. Words were exchanged, tempers flared and the woman's boyfriend, Lenard Phillips, slashed the other man in the face with a broken beer bottle.

A crime had been committed so the police were called to restore law and order.

As is their duty, the police responded. During the drive to the Furnace Falls cottage, Const. Mike Landry and Const. Eric Nystedt talked about what they should do. Ever since Nystedt's arrival at the Minden OPP detachment in 1991, the two men had become friends as well as partners. They got along well, with Landry sharing his knowledge and experience and Nystedt, 10 years younger, sharing his enthusiasm and energy. Inside the cruiser, the relaxed atmosphere reflected their confidence and their friendship.

It wasn't unusual for them to be called to disturbances where alcohol was involved and they felt it best to diffuse the tension until cooler heads prevailed.

"We talked it over and we

decided we were just going to find Phillips and drive him home," says Landry in an interview with the Echo last week.

But when they got to the cottage, Lenard Phillips had disappeared. The man he had slashed decided he didn't want to lay charges but Phillips, who had a knife as well as a temper, could still be in a dangerous mood so they searched the area for him. After calling out to Phillips to tell him they just wanted to talk but receiving no response, the two Minden OPP officers left. They were on their way to another typical Friday night incident when a call came over their radio, telling them Phillips had returned to the cottage. So as is their duty, they returned, too.

After searching the area again, they were returning to the cruiser when Const. Nystedt, who had lagged behind, called out that he had found Phillips in some bushes next to the road. The next thing people heard was the constable's cry of pain. Phillips had stabbed Const. Nystedt in the leg, tearing into the major artery. Before they could rush the 24-year-old policeman to the Minden hospital, he bled to death.

Eric Nystedt was a person whose appetite for activity made him many friends in the community. Athletic, energetic, his unflagging spirit rubbed off on those around him. Prompting Landry to join in, he was a member of the ski patrol and tennis club. Instead of limiting his friendships to fellow officers and their families, he became involved in non-police activities,

and people got to know him as a person. He wasn't just a uniform. That's why his death was more than just that week's headline news.

"He was a very social person, he enjoyed the job," says Landry. "He kind of brought that enjoyment back to the job for me."

This young man who couldn't get enough of life died because some people got drunk and started fighting. He died because he was supposed to be able to do what those people couldn't — keep the peace. He died because Ontario taxpayers were paying him to maintain law and order and if that meant breaking up a house party, that's what he had to do. He was doing his duty.

His partner, Mike Landry, who has now joined the legions of walking wounded, isn't sure he can do that any more.

No matter how often his mind turns over the events of July 3, Landry keeps coming back to one over-riding conclusion: Eric Nystedt's death was senseless. Utterly senseless. And what makes it worse is there are no redeeming truths, no signs that Nystedt did not die in vain. In fact, there's nothing to prevent such senselessness from killing another officer in the future.

Landry doesn't want to be that officer.

Like his fellow police, subconsciously he has always known he has a dangerous job. After all, the police are sometimes dealing with some of the most dangerous people in society. But usually they can wrap themselves in a cloak of security, assuming that

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MNR trout plan closes lakes to winter fishing

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Forty-three local lakes will be closed off to ice fishermen next year as part of the Ministry of Natural Resources' plan to restore trout populations.

The new management plan for lakes with naturally reproducing lake and brook trout was announced yesterday.

The new plan is based on public input given during a consultation period last year. The strategy affects 91 local lake trout and two

brook trout lakes.

As well as the freeze on winter fishing, the new guidelines include size limits, live bait restrictions and changes to MNR restocking programs.

Lakes which contain smaller bodied trout and are less than 100 hectares in size and will be closed for winter and early spring fishing. They will be opened from the third Saturday of May to Sept. 30.

Ice fishing on the larger lakes will still be permitted, but with new restrictions. Only fish small-

er or larger than 40 to 55 cm can be kept, others within the slot size must be returned to the water. As well only one line will be allowed during the winter with live bait being banned.

The MNR will also discontinue restocking naturally reproducing trout lakes, but not due to financial restraints, says MNR Minden Biologist Dana Kinsmen. "It is basically good science and good management not to stock lakes that naturally reproduce," she says citing genetic problems cre-

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His first winter... and he's on the slopes!

At four months old, Sebastian O'Connell is probably the youngest skier ever to schuss down the slopes at Sir Sam's. He was out enjoying Saturday's sunshine, secure in the arms of his mother, ski patroller April O'Connell. His dad Ted is also a patroller, so he's getting expert instruction.

County clerk resigns post leaving void

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

With the resignation of the clerk-administrator, there's now a bigger void at the top of the county's government.

At Wednesday's Warden Ross Rabjohn announced that Terry Noble has accepted a job as treasurer of the Township of Eramosa, just outside of Guelph. Noble, who was hired less than two years ago because of his accounting expertise, performed the dual role of organizing the county's finances and acting as clerk. He was credited for getting the county's financial ship back in order, despite the demands placed by county council on other matters.

His second in command, deputy-clerk Sue Traves, resigned in the new year after less than a year on the job. She was also the county's first human resources manager, helping set up new health and safety regulations as well as providing guidance to a council unfamiliar with many of the new labour laws.

Now council must decide how the void should be filled. Should there be a treasurer who could concentrate on all departments' budgets? Should there be an administrator with a background in human resources? Should there be strong leadership at the top or should department heads run their own shows with the help of the politicians who sit on the various committees?

All the reeves will sit on an ad hoc committee which will recommend a course of action for the next county council meeting. Noble has said he will stay until mid-March to help council through this year's budget.

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ON CALL: With a new financial arrangement between Haliburton doctors and the Haliburton Hospital, Dr. Norman Bottum says it will be easier to attract doctors to the village and keep them here. Providing on call emergency services is a strain on local doctors, who will now be able to book more time off following their shift.

Local doctors agree to deal ensuring future health care

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Doctors in Haliburton believe everyone will benefit by an agreement they have reached with Haliburton Hospital.

St. Joseph's Hospital, which owns the local facility, will "top up" the fees the doctors earn while on call at the emergency department. By being guaranteed a certain level of income, doctors can afford to schedule more time off for catching up on their sleep and taking courses to upgrade their skills.

And if the doctors feel they are being fairly compensated and can enjoy the lifestyle which attracted them to the village in the first place, they are more likely to stay

in the community, says a spokesperson for the Haliburton Family Medical Centre.

"As a local group we're taking steps to preserve health care services and ensure quality," says Dr. Norman Bottum.

They want to make sure doctors continue to live and work in Haliburton so we won't face the shortages other communities are struggling with. In Minden, the emergency department will be shut down for eight hours every weeknight because there are only two doctors providing round-the-clock coverage. In the town of Durham, doctors have refused to be on call at the local hospital, instead offering their services to a nearby hospital which agreed to compensate them for their time.

Across the province, people in small towns are having difficulty finding doctors. And if there are no doctors to work on call at emergency departments, those departments can't operate.

There are seven doctors who work on call at the Haliburton Hospital. OHIP pays them for every patient they see if they're called in during their 24-hour shift, but they're never sure whether they'll have to spend five hours at the hospital or five minutes. A typical call will garner them \$75 and yet their sleep for the rest of the night has been ruined.

Because of the uncertainty about how many hours they'll have to work, doctors used to

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The Problem With Gun Control:

A local hunter explains why so many gun owners are up in arms over the proposed gun law

by PETER HYNARD
Special to the Echo

TWO WEEKS AGO more than 1,100 Haliburton citizens packed the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School auditorium to protest Justice Minister Allan Rock's proposed new gun control legislation. Cars jammed the high school parking lot, and lined Highway 121 from the Drag River bridge to County Road No. 1. The crowd filled both gyms, and spilled out into the corridors. Public meetings in Haliburton County don't get any bigger than that.

Similar grassroots demonstrations have erupted across rural and western Canada, including recently in Lindsay and Huntsville. The largest demonstration was in front of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa last September. It drew 10,000 protesters. Surely such a huge outcry from ordinary Canadian citizens means something serious is wrong with Rock's gun control proposals.

In the past year the evening news has been marred by more

than one sensational shooting. Last April a young woman, Georgina Leimonis, was gunned down in the tragic "Just Desserts" restaurant hold-up. She was killed with two blasts of a sawed-off shotgun by an immigrant under deportation order. In June, Constable Todd Baylis was shot and killed by a crack cocaine dealer armed with an illegal handgun. In November Dr. Gary Romalis, a Vancouver abortion clinic doctor, was wounded in his home by an unknown sniper, reportedly with an AK-47 assault rifle. No one has been charged. And there have been others. The Marc Lepine massacre of fourteen young women at the University of Montreal occurred just six years ago.

The call for more gun control is a popular one among urban, white-collar Canadians. More and more, Canadians are city folks whose only contacts with guns are on American TV, violent video games and the nightly news. Every shooting story gets spectacular country-wide coverage. Guns are owned by trigger-happy gun nuts and

killers, aren't they? Why should people want to own a gun in the 1990s? Why should they be allowed to? Allan Rock is supported in his bid to curb gun ownership by effective lobby groups such as Victims of Violence and the Coalition for Gun Control.

But the truth is a large number of ordinary, lawful and normal Canadians own guns. They own them for hunting and target shooting. Some own old family relics, handed down as an heirloom or "keepsake". Some gun owners collect guns like other people collect antiques. Some own guns and don't use them at all. A 1992 United Nations survey reported that 7-million Canadians own guns, ranking Canada third among the developed western countries. There is probably a gun in most households in Haliburton County. The protesters at the Haliburton rally looked like ordinary folks to me. I know many of them, and you probably do, too.

What does the government plan to do about it? The Liberal plan calls for better border controls to reduce arms



Hunting and shooting sports are a big part of Haliburton's culture and heritage. This is the Cooper Hunt Camp in Havelock Township, circa 1948. From left to right are Russell Woodcock, Sid Cooper, Elva Cooper, Al Cooper, Lottie Woodcock, Earl Cooper, Stan Cooper and Cec Woodcock. Today an estimated 8,000 hunters take part in Haliburton's annual deer hunt.

rhetic. It's hard to imagine the federal government doing anything about gun-running after the humiliating defeat it took on tobacco smuggling. It would cost too much money.

But under the new law, ordinary law-abiding gun owners will have to register themselves and their guns or face six months in jail and a \$2,000 fine. A second offence would result in a mandatory year in jail. And the legally registered owners of 553,000 handguns will find their guns prohibited by law as soon as this legislation passes. Without compensation.

That's what has law-abiding gun owners up in arms. Already, to legally buy or borrow a gun your ordinary Haliburton deer hunter must first take a 16-hour course in firearms and firearm safety, pass an exam, provide references, wait through a 28-day "cooling-off" period and be subjected to a criminal record, provincial offences and local character check. Minden O.P.P. firearms registrar Ron Buchanan says he interviews anyone he

doesn't know, and he won't recommend approval to anyone who arouses his suspicious nature. All this costs your ordinary Haliburton deer hunter \$150. (To apply for the deer licence will cost a new hunter a second 16-hour firearms safety course, a second exam and another \$100.) The paperwork alone costs as much as a good, used .30-30 deer rifle or two weeks in deer camp. There are strict laws about storage and transportation. Then there's the minor's permit for anyone under 18. And the hardware store that sells the ammunition must keep a record of the purchaser's driver's licence, type of ammunition purchased and number of bullets.

Isn't that enough gun control? Isn't that enough bureaucracy and expense? Doesn't the law already prohibit sawed-off shotguns, unregistered handguns and illegal immigrants? Exactly how will these new proposals further reduce crime, and what will they cost? The Justice Minister won't say, except that gun owners will pay for registration on a "cost-

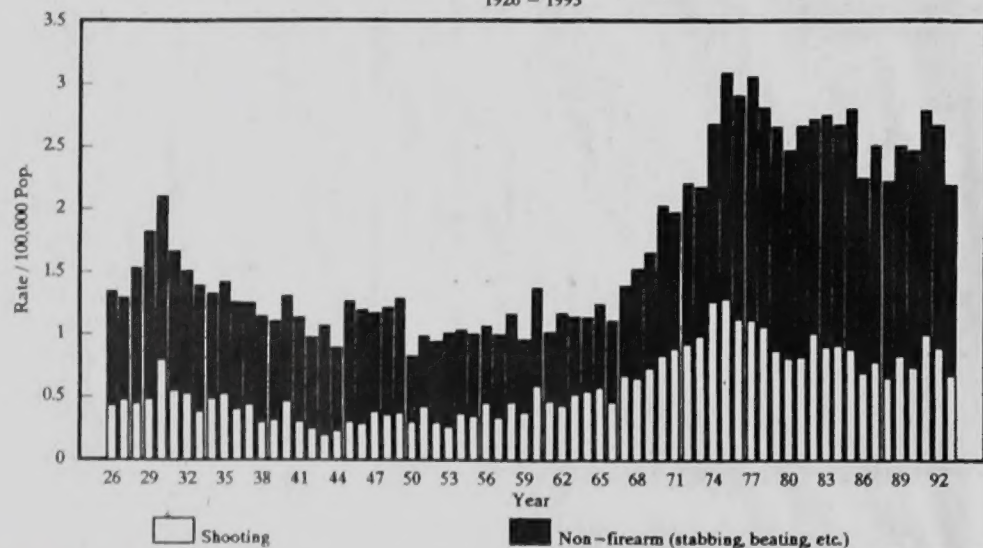
recovery basis".

Most lawful gun owners see registration as the first step towards confiscation, and the government has made that first step with registered handguns. Is that the long-term plan? Or is the Chrétien government just trying to curry favour with the urban white-collar crowd at a time when all the other government pills are bitter ones? The problem with gun control, it turns out, is that it has little to do with crime control. The real root problems of crime in society, it seems, are too hard to come to terms with.

Peter Hynard is a forester with the Ministry of Natural Resources in Minden. He is an active hunter and outdoorsman, and was one of the organizers of the Haliburton Gun Owners' Rally. He recommends that gun owners write Allan Rock, Minister of Justice, 239 Wellington St., Ottawa, K1A 0H8 with their views.

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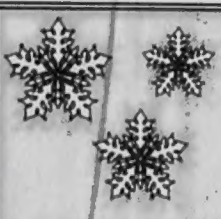
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Bruce and Carol Amson really know how to rub it in. First they write us a letter from Bali. "We visited temples as old as these hills and because it was a holy day, people all dressed in their best were going to worship. Everything that had a religious connotation was decorated and little square trays fashioned out of palm leaves were being placed around each icon. Twice we passed long processions of colorfully dressed women like a parade all in costume, red sarong-like skirts and yell blouses! Many women carried baskets of fruit and vegetables and all types of food beautifully created, going to what must have been enormous buffets in temples along the route. The road is quite narrow and keeps ascending. The traffic is unbelievable. The driver concentrated on the road and the ongoing procession of people, bicycles, motorcycles, cars and trucks was just endless in both directions." Then, knowing it was still winter back home, they wrote us from Jakarta, another Indonesian paradise. It's 6:30 in the morning and "we have just awakened to the beautiful sunshine pouring into our window high above the busy streets." The Amsons, who usually stay firmly planted at the Allsaw bridge, are on their way to Australia to visit their daughter Bonnie, who is an exchange teacher in Wagga Wagga. The trip is a present from their three daughters, who really know how to say thanks.

The Cottage Life Show is March 31 to April 2 and includes stage shows, a family activity Centre, photo gallery, bookstore, antique outboard motor museum, "cottage kitchen", BBQ tent, wind 'n surf '95, and a series of seminars on everything from how to buy your first cottage to keeping the cottage in the family and away from Revenue Canada. The show is at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road in Toronto. Admission is \$8.50 for adults, \$6 for youths and free for children 12 and younger.

Here's something else to take your mind off winter: The Second Annual Ontario Family Fishing Weekend is July 7 to 9. For this weekend only, young and old can fish without having to buy a licence.

The Haliburton Highlands Squash Club has come up with a great lottery. Every day in April, there will be a draw for \$150, sort of an April Shower of money. Then, on April 30, the draw is for \$650. The only drawback is the tickets are somewhat expensive at \$20 each, but you have 30 chances to recoup your money and only 500 tickets will be sold. You can purchase tickets from any squash club member or from Chris Carl at the Old Country House restaurant in Haliburton.

Congratulations to Haliburton Rotarian Gerry Walker, who for the fifth year in a row won the Top Rider Award at the recent Snowarama for Easter Seals at Haliburton Forest.

The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer is "The Earth is a House for All People." The service was provided by people in Ghana so the local committee has asked retired teacher John Stouffer to speak at the Friday night gathering at St. George's Anglican Church. Mr. Stouffer and his wife Cathy spent two years in Ghana when they were first married and their oldest daughter Ruth was born there. The St. George's Choir will also perform, with a solo by the beloved Glenda Burk. World Day of Prayer begins at 7:30 p.m. on March 3.

Don't forget to pick up your entry forms for the Second Annual Ice Fishing Derby at Red Umbrella Inn on Twelve Mile Lake. There is \$10,000 in prizes to be awarded and live bait and tackle is provided free of charge. For more information about the March 4 event call Rick Tustin at 489-2462. Tickets are also available at Scheffee's Live Bait and General Lee Restaurant in Haliburton.

The magical world of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe will come to life when the Ontario Ballet Theatre comes to town on Sunday, Feb. 26. The ballet is based on one of C.S. Lewis's Narnia stories and tells the tale of two children who discover a magical land where they meet a wicked witch, Aslan the Lion King and a helpful faun named Mr. Tumnus. Filled with adventure and suspense as told through the beauty and grace of ballet, the hour-long production will enchant audiences of all ages. The program, which is part of the Haliburton County Children's Concert Series, includes a demonstration of ballet technique It's at 2 p.m. at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

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County clerk quits

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Noble's resignation was just one more piece of bad news for Rabjohn, who in his opening remarks said he was not a happy warden.

"I had a sense (the resignation) might happen and thought I could head it off but it looks like I'm too late," he said, hinting that Noble resigned because of criticism from some county councillors. Noble would not comment on his reasons for leaving, saying only he was getting married this summer and had to consider his work demands.

The previous council had been criticized for its discord and lack of unity and "it seems like we're starting to repeat history."

Trayes was hired as a response to the Wace Report on county efficiency. Rabjohn said she had been instrumental in helping the county avoid a \$21,000 penalty from the Worker's Compensation Board. By working on health and safety issues, and developing the county's first policy, she helped reduce that to \$7,800. The county feels the WCB did not take some of the county's other initiatives into consideration and is appealing the penalty.

There is still rancour and disagreement over the decision to add to existing county building

rather than build a new one. "Why is this matter still being dragged about? The decision was made, accept it."

There's still too much municipal parochialism. Rabjohn wants a stronger county government but "some members think only of their own municipality."

"I want to keep Haliburton County together, to improve it. I'm getting the sense of the opposite, that some members want to weaken it."

Rabjohn was thanked for his comments. While some problems

may be exaggerated, Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon said "these are symptoms of something wrong around this county table. Maybe some of the problem is that when we come to a meeting, things see to be pre-ordained and sometimes we can feel we don't have all the information or adequate time to discuss some of these things..."

"If our staff is being subject to criticism to the extent they move away, we are in jeopardy of dismantling this county. We need to analyze these problems and find solutions."



CASHING IN ON WINTER FUN: Deborah Nason accepts her winnings from the Winterfest 50/50 draw from Winterfest chairman Les Feero.

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Parents demand cost study for VSS

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's Board of Education hasn't yet completed its homework in considering to close down the Victoria St. School, parents say.

The financial cost of rebuilding Victoria St. School versus the emotional cost of relocating its students must be accurately weighed and considered before a logical decision on the future of the 70 year-old institution can be made, school officials have been told.

Parents were amazed to learn no study has been carried out on the cost of fixing up the school instead of building a new one at the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School site.

A public meeting was held Tuesday evening to get community feedback on the fate of the school — which was recommended for closure in 1988 because of safety and space concerns.

Parents and taxpayers made it abundantly clear they aren't ready to abandon the historically-treasured school just yet.

At least not without a fight.

A large group of parents of past and present students, as well as former students and concerned residents, voiced their feelings loudly and passionately at the meeting.

Some raised concerns about the emotional impact of merging Victoria's younger students with the older populations at JDHES, while others brought up fears about the loss of the school's community spirit, which has been symbolic at Victoria St. School for decades.

The BOE is presently considering two options: One is to abandon Victoria Street — as recommended by a past report due to its physical state and lack of space — and build at JDHES.

The other scenario, which

trustees say is less financially and logically feasible, is to tear down the school and rebuild it from scratch.

When asked by Jane Johnston, a member of the school's Parent Advisory Committee, for the financial price-tag of each potential project, BOE Superintendent of Business Jim Bradley said no such study has been carried out by the board.

He said that the cost of gutting and rebuilding the decaying school "has not been looked at."

All past recommendations, Bradley said, have been "that it would not be feasible. So we have not gone through an actual costing of it."

A lack of available space on the property also contributed to why no cost study has been carried out.

Len Creelman questioned the logic of not doing a study to compare the costs of each alternative, and said that it is "absolutely essential" to make a rational and informed decision on the school's fate.

"You have to say to yourself 'what does course A cost and what does course B cost?'," said Creelman. "If I have no idea what course B costs then I don't see how I can make a decision, especially if the overwhelming majority parents would really like to do course B (maintaining the Victoria site)."

Creelman pointed out that a vast percentage of parents "are really happy their kids are there... (If) the school can be made safe for the children and that is a possibility, what is the cost?"

But, if the cost of rebuilding the school is twice that of constructing a completely new one, "then it would be ridiculous. But I believe it could be a quarter of the cost and would be much,



Jackie Mayhew (Left), Victoria St. School volunteer and parent Lynn Higgs Thompson (middle) and Jane Johnston, member of the VSS Parents Advisory Committee, were among those who attended Tuesday evening's BOE Management Committee meeting on the future of the public school.

much lower" than constructing a new school, said Creelman.

"How will we know unless somebody takes a look at it?" he asked to a supportive applause from the roughly two dozen in attendance.

Bradley agreed that it is "a valid point" but reminded parents the money spent on a study could end up being wasted if the fact remains that "there is simply not enough space on the property" to build the proper facilities.

"But when dollars are the bottom line," said one parent, "doesn't it make sense to get an estimate on the cost of upgrading Victoria St. School so that we have an understanding if it is affordable. It might solve the case one way or another."

Bradley said that "all indications are that the cost would be in excess" of the \$1-million-plus allocated for the JDH expansion. He cautioned that any additional costs "would be borne 100 per cent by the taxpayer."

He also noted the cost of

recently refurbishing a school in Woodville, which "became astronomical. We experienced a lot of the same problems when we did it in Minden (at Archie Stouffer Elementary School)."

Committee Chairman Wayne Wood promised parents that the cost-study suggestion would be presented to the school board in the report to be compiled on the public meeting.

Victoria St. School parent and volunteer, Lynn Higgs Thompson, raised concerns about the psychological consequences of transferring students, as well as the loss of "the relationship we have with the community because the school is right in town."

Students will no longer be able to take frequent walks into the village to visit such places as Extencicare, the firehall or the arena to skate, for example, resulting in cutting the close-knit ties to the community.

But the reason students take those frequent trips into the vil-

lage, said trustee Wayne Wood, "is because you don't have a gymnasium and the proper facilities."

At JDHES, he said, students will have access to the gymnasium and they could be bussed to the arena. "I really don't think you are going to lose any of that contact with the community."

While agreeing that "it is going to be different," JDHES Principal McKay Brydon assured parents that relocated Victoria St. students would still maintain their close link to community life.

"I can't allay all your fears because some of them are well-founded," said Brydon. "But that fact that it is going to be different means we have to look for different solutions... even if it means bussing kids to the Rails' End Gallery or somewhere."

BOE Education Superintendent Dale Robinson guaranteed parents that if students are moved to JDHES, "everything will be done in our power to create the same spirit and quality of programs." He also said Victoria St. teachers would follow students in any future move.

Still, many parents are worried their children may feel threatened being mixed into a school population with older children. Integrating four-year-olds with 14 year-olds, they said, will intimidate the younger younger ones.

"One thing that I like about Victoria St. is that my little boy, who is pretty shy with other kids, feels safe there and he won't feel safe if he is swallowed up in a huge playground at JDH," said a concerned mother.

In a letter to the board, Amber Mackie expressed her objections to grouping the younger children with the older ones, saying that "they would be forced to grow up

quicker to survive."

While realizing the logic in grouping all the schools in one area, she insisted that younger students "need to be protected both physically and emotionally."

Bradley agreed that while the idea of a cost study "is a very strong point which will certainly be considered," he said there may not even be enough setback available on the property to adequately rebuild the school.

Space for junior kindergarten, more washrooms, facilities for the disabled (ie. ramps) and added room for such agencies such as Kinark would all be required if the school was reconstructed, he said.

The committee was told that the final decision will not only affect present students, but future ones too for generations to come. "I think we should not just be looking at the students in there now but the children who will follow," said Creelman.

It is not just a matter of changing the buildings and going someplace else, he said, "it is also a matter of the bodies that are in that school."

Wood denied the decision to close Victoria St. School is "a done deal" and said the input received from parents and residents will be compiled in a report to be brought back to the school board.

He couldn't promise, however, that another public meeting would be held before a decision was made.

If indeed a study is carried out to determine the cost of tearing down and rebuilding Victoria St., Bradley said a decision on the school's future may be further postponed (a decision was originally expected by the end of March).

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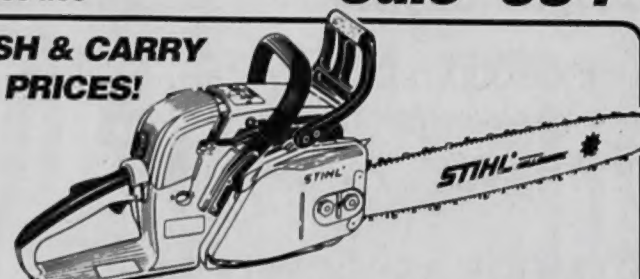
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Partner's death still haunts

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when they pull someone over for a traffic violation, the driver will take out his driver's licence, not a gun. Or that when an abusive man opens the door during an investigation of a domestic dispute, the police won't be the next victim of the man's rage.

If they didn't have such faith in their own invincibility, that their uniform acted as some sort of shield of armor, they could be paralyzed by fear.

But for Landry, any sense of security was permanently rent when Nystedt was murdered. But there's more to it than that - he doesn't feel good about risking his life whenever someone like Phillips gets into a fight.

"I've got to find something positive to do on this job instead of dealing with the negative," he says a week after Phillips was found guilty of second degree murder. "It's affected me to the point I know I don't want to go back on the road."

His family has the same fears. In the weeks after the murder, his daughters were worried about him going back to work. His wife Deb, and all the other wives, got nervous every time they bid their husbands goodbye as they left for

another shift. The pressure on the families was enormous, and many of them attended Phillips' murder trial in solidarity and support. They were unhappy about the second degree verdict because they believe Phillips knew he was lashing out at a police officer. (Phillips testified he feared for his life because the man he had cut had vowed to kill him; he said he thought Nystedt might have been that man.)

"Right after the verdict, Deb said 'you're not going back on the road again because it's not worth it,'" Landry says.

"The frustrating thing about it is knowing it will happen again."

Next weekend there could be another fight and another stabbing. The Landrys know that although Phillips will spend his time in jail, nothing has really changed. Proof of that will be found at another court hearing a few weeks from now when Landry has to testify about a different stabbing incident.

Last summer, after spending a year doing community work from the safety of an office, Const. Landry went back on patrol. Less than two weeks later, he was an off-duty officer being paid to keep the peace at the Country

Good Times dance. A call came in that there had been a stabbing a few hundred metres up the road. When Landry and the other officers arrived, he discovered that the woman involved was the former girlfriend of Lenard Phillips, the woman Phillips had fought over. On this night, she was charged with stabbing her boyfriend who was charged with stabbing her son. This time, at least, no police officer was stabbed.

"I thought 'how can it be happening again'," says Landry, who was really shaken by the second incident (which was the fourth time he'd had dealings with the woman.)

After that, he was back in an office, organizing community policing - which he says is the best thing to happen in policing in a long time -, dealing with the media and talking to students at local schools. But Landry, who's been with the OPP for almost 13 years, doesn't want to stop being a police officer. When all is said and done, he still really enjoys his job - or parts of it.

"There's just something about police work," he says of why he hasn't quit. "You can still get a certain satisfaction from solving a crime or knowing you've helped someone."

Ideally, he'd like to train young officers, giving them the benefit of his experiences in the hope that they will be able to avoid finding themselves in a similar experience. Since the training academy is supposed to move to Gravenhurst in 1997, he's hopeful that he'll continue to be able to live in Haliburton, where he and his family have a wide circle of friends.

Landry would like the public's attitude towards police to change. Sometimes when he's walking down the main street in his uniform, he'll hear a parent tell their child "if you're not good he'll come and arrest you." The police officer is automatically cast in a negative light, not as a person

who can help, but as a person who punishes. "That's not giving kids a very good impression."

Community policing has helped the community see officers as fellow citizens trying to make sure we can all live safely and happily. When he started out, walking a beat was a punishment meted out by supervisors. Now, it's part of the new philosophy, so you can identify problems and then enlist the public's support to solve them. When he supervises at a high school dance today, many of the students will smile and chat, calling him by his first name. He's no longer the enemy, even though the kids know he's there to put a stop to any.

This new attitude hasn't spread throughout society. Landry says he's not alone in becoming increasingly frustrated with public criticism of police. Every move is analyzed, every act must be documented. "It becomes a job where you're always trying to cover your ass."

Not only is society becoming highly regulated, with codes of behaviour strictly enforced and publicly censured, but there seems to be a breakdown of some of those ethics that keep society running smoothly. He says it used to be that when a child got in trouble, parents would punish them. Now parents lie for the children to avoid punishment or complain that their child is getting in trouble. If this is happening in the home, just imagine the level of irresponsibility when a situation reaches the courts. Police officers have long complained that sentences are too short and there are not enough deterrents. Except for spending time in jail, Phillips hasn't had to "pay" for murdering Eric Nystedt. All of his legal costs -



"I've got to find something positive to do on this job," says OPP Const. Mike Landry

including applying for a change of venue for the trial and then dropping the application three days before the hearing was supposed to begin, wasting tens of thousands of dollars that had been spent on lawyers' fees in preparation - have been picked up by the taxpayer. If Landry was charged with a crime, he'd have to sell his house to pay for his legal bills first.

"I don't know where it all begins," Landry says of the mental battle he engages in as he tries to make sense of his friend's death. "It's not just the court system, it's all of society."

Before the trial, Landry could put his feelings on hold, concentrating on the legal process. Now that the trial is over - Phillips'

lawyer is appealing the second degree verdict - those feelings have come tumbling to the surface.

More than a year and a half after Eric Nystedt, his friend and partner, was murdered, Mike Landry is still angry. In fact, after the trial he is even more angry because the death seems even more senseless.

"Nothing will bring Eric back," he says. Phillips will spend his time in jail, society's form of retribution. But nothing can pay for the loss of a life. It's not so much that the punishment doesn't fit the crime. It's that there can be no suffering which equals the pain of losing a friend just because some people got drunk on a Friday night in July.

Small towns at their best when crisis hits

Mike Landry says that when something bad happens, at least you can be grateful for living in a small community.

After the murder of his partner, Const. Eric Nystedt, in July of 1993, the Minden OPP officer says he was deluged with letters of sympathy from people he didn't even know. There was a tremendous outpouring of support and kindness. One day he looked out of the window of his home in Haliburton, only to see that a friend was mowing his lawn so there would be one less thing to worry about. Food miraculously appeared. Even a few weeks ago, when he and his wife returned home from the murder trial in Lindsay, they discovered that a friend had cooked them an entire meal.

"One thing I'm thankful for is that it's easier it happened in a small town because of all the support we received," he says in appreciation, still a bit awed by the community's reaction.

The letters and gestures of friendship were a sign that the community cared not only about the Landrys, but also about the tragic loss of Eric Nystedt. At a time when police officers can feel beleaguered, the generosity of the community was a much-needed boost for their spirits and Mike and Deb Landry say thanks.

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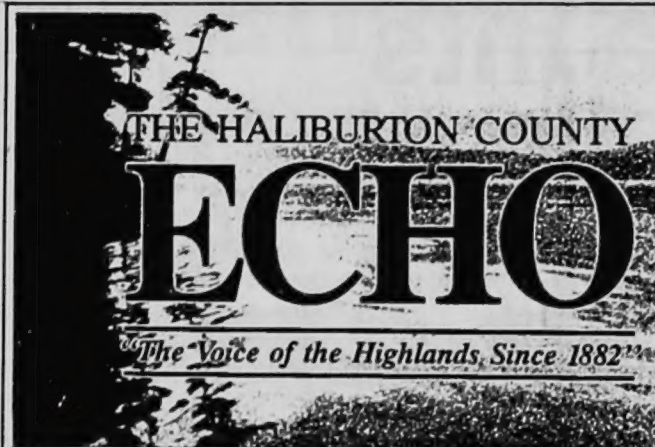
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EDITORIAL

Living with reality not always easy

In a box at the back of *The Echo* office sit enough stories to fill an entire newspaper. There's a feature about a reunion between two students (who are now great-grandparents) and their former teacher. It was written in September. There's a feature, written the first week of January, about the Australian exchange family. There are three features about technology and features about a bereavement support group, Heart and Stroke Month, a lunch program at the United Church and square dancing. There's also a guest column about World War II, along with numerous other submissions. Worse still, last week there were about 100 Valentines from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students added to the box. That really hurt because we had solicited the Valentines in an effort to get children in the habit of reading the paper.

These stories are sitting there simply because we haven't had enough room to run them in the paper. This build-up of stories happens every winter, but this year it's worse. For instance, last year the *Echo's* Valentine paper was 24 pages, so we felt confident about asking the students for their Valentines to fill this year's pages. However, last Monday morning we discovered advertising warranted an 18-page paper. The *Echo* paid for two more pages so we could at least get half the Valentines in. Yet we still had to leave the children's Valentines out, causing a lot of hurt and anger at the school, for which we apologize.

When there's a competition for space, you have to make judgements. Some people say we have too many hockey stories; tell that to the players who are mentioned. Some say we could leave out the community news, but we already did that a month ago. In hindsight, we could have left out a council story or made the print size very small. But you learn from hindsight only after you've made the mistake. To avoid such situations, we've reduced the number of events we cover, which creates a whole new set of problems.

Although we like to see ourselves as a public service - profiling the events and people that give us our sense of community - the reality is we're a business. The size of the paper is strictly governed by the number of advertisers we have from week to week. If there are enough ads to support an 18-page paper, we can only afford to print an 18-page paper, even though we might have enough stories to fill 24 pages.

We must pay our bills like everyone else and those bills are increasing. Printing costs alone are up at least 40% over last year and yet our advertising prices haven't gone up 40%. (They haven't gone up at all). As we try to absorb these increases, we have less leeway in which to say "let's add two pages so we can get more stories in." We are in the midst of trying to make changes while ensuring the quality of the newspaper fulfills our own goals and aspirations, but it will take time.

What we're facing is what the county in general is facing. Talk to contractors, business owners, tourist operators, realtors. All we can ask for is people's patience - and their support of local businesses. *The Echo* is yet another example of the symbiotic relationship between the health of the economy and the wealth of community spirit. If local businesses know people are willing to spend their money here, they'll advertise their products and services. And when they advertise, *The Echo* has enough room to print all the stories we've written and photographs we've taken. (*The Echo's* dependence on the local economy also explains why we have joined the struggle to keep taxes down so people can afford to live and invest here.)

The Echo is not unique. Newspapers across the province are experiencing the same difficulties. In the city, many newspapers' ad content is 60 to 70%. (That's 70% ads and 30% editorial content, meaning they don't give much room for stories and photographs.) Our ad content is less than 50% because we've always felt it's important that people have something worth reading when they buy our newspaper. There was an article in the *Toronto Star* last week about newspaper owners who were getting out of the business because there is no business any more. We're not saying that will happen here but we can't ignore the situation. We're still committed to printing the best newspaper we can. But sometimes we need more than commitment and good intentions to make it happen. M.P.



Along Bayshore Acres Road in Haliburton

Photo by Len Pizze

Closing VSS doesn't make financial sense

To the Editor from our Readers

The following letter was sent to Brad Saunders,
Director of Education
Haliburton County Board of Education

Dear Mr. Saunders and Ladies and
Gentlemen of the Board:

I, along with many other concerned persons, attended the meeting in the high school cafeteria on Tuesday, February 14th, 1995 concerning the closing of Victoria St. School ("VSS"). This discussion has been going on for several years but apparently is getting close to a final decision, hence the meeting.

The course of action which the management committee appeared about to recommend was the closing of VSS and the building of a \$1.3 million addition on JDHSES to provide replacement classrooms. My main concern as a taxpayer is the spending of this money on a new school at a time when our taxes are at record highs and we hear constantly from all quarters that it's time for restraint. We are \$600,000,000,000 in debt and are apparently about to be hit by a severe federal budget. I suggest that we cannot afford this expansion at this time, particularly if there are much less expensive alternatives.

The most important concern, of course, is the education and well-being of the children. I have three grand-children who are and will be in this age group over the next five years and their parents are obviously interested in obtaining the best possible education/environment for them in these very formative years. In this regard, the VSS has been and continues to be an excellent environment for grades K to 2. This is obviously due, in large part, to the quality of teachers and program but it is also due in no small measure to the location in our community and to keeping the small, very vulnerable, children in this age group in a safe, protected oasis but still with the advantages of the community around them. 100 per cent of the parents of the children who are or have ever been at VSS have only good things to say about this environment. I do not know or have even heard of one parent who would prefer to have their children in a bigger school with older children.

The next consideration is "Is it, indeed, a safe environment?" I must assume that the Director would not allow these children and their teachers to be there for even one day if it is not basically safe. There is no doubt it is an old building which needs some refurbishing but it is certainly structurally adequate and could do a very creditable job for many more years.

Why then has the Board apparently ruled out

replacing the portables at VSS with the necessary permanent classrooms, at what I believe could be a much lower cost, while still preserving the environment? Perhaps it is because they may be working under some misconceptions. When I asked at the meeting how much could be saved by adopting this course, I was advised that such a costing had never been done because an architect had recommended seven years ago that it was not worth fixing up VSS. That is one opinion and I'm not surprised he would feel this way. It's his business to design new buildings. If we can afford it and if that is the best for the children involved, then it might be the best course. But I do not believe that is the case. We are now seven years later, the anticipated increase in enrollment did not materialize and in the present economic environment, I'm sure that there are many architects who can come up with many ideas on how to make VSS work safely and adequately and who would be delighted to bid on even this small job.

We were also advised at the meeting that if new classrooms were added then it was required by the Building Code that the old school would have to be completely gutted and even new foundations put in which would obviously be very expensive. Again, no one had costed it out if even that course

might still be less expensive. As well, I have had some experience with the Building Code and did not understand it to require complete gutting with new foundations. I spoke to the building inspector and he knew of no reason why it would be necessary. All new construction must be approved but the existing building can simply be used as is or with those repairs/renovations considered desirable by the Board at that time. It seems, therefore, that the Board may be operating under a serious misconception which could bias a decision unfairly.

I urge the Board to seriously consider the alternative of making Victoria St. School work for the foreseeable future. It could probably be done well within existing funds available to the Board (e.g. Lakeview school funds) and/or funds allotted by the Ministry and with little or no cost to the local taxpayers. We are soon looking at significant local taxes to pay for the new high school addition. To impose \$600,000 or more on local taxpayers at this time is not welcome, particularly when another desirable alternative is available.

Sincerely
Len Creelman
Haliburton

Abuse a disease which requires treatment

To the Editor:

I am writing concerning the advertisement in the February 7th, 1995 edition. It said "Abuse is Not a male disease it has become a female weapon."

I do not feel that this advertisement should have been accepted by a family paper in Haliburton County, where the ratio of teen pregnancies to their own fathers is very high. In Haliburton County we are in the process of getting a safe house for our victims of abuse.

This advertisement is not going to Stop abuse, if anything it condones abuse. In most cases the abusers do not believe they are sick, therefore they do not get help, and the abuse carries on.

AIDS is a disease. Although you and I may not have AIDS, it is Still a disease. In the same way abuse is a disease. many people are not affected by the disease called abuse, but it is still a disease.

There are many men who do not have the disease called abuse, and many families that do not feel the pain abuse brings. Many men are gentle, loving, and caring brothers, fathers, husbands, and boyfriends, but they do not have the disease called abuse.

If abusers would get the help needed, rather than abuse their Victims, then when the victims spoke up it would not be seen as using a weapon

When a victim, (and that is what they are), speaks up and gets help to get the abuse to stop, it isn't a weapon used to get even. They seek help to stop the pain of the abuse, whether it's emotional, physical, or sexual the abuse has to stop in order for the pain to stop. So in response to the advertisement I'd like to say:

Abuse Is a disease that needs to be cured!!

Laura Fideau,
Wilberforce

Women's groups' credibility lost in fanaticism

To the Editor:

Re: "Human Rights Not Women's Rights"

I've been observing with interest numerous articles and paid advertisements in the Haliburton Echo and the Times - namely Rights of Man Canada and "Prevent the Abuse" by S. Hawkin. The two parties have shared a growing senti-

ment. It is a known consensus among both females and males of the community that women's shelters, advocates and institutions help and reward women to obtain revenge, make false accusations, and even more disturbing to the public they enter statements on behalf of the female bearing their "very influential" stamp of approval

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The gerbils on parade



NNECDOTES
ANNE CREELMAN

WE ARE THE PROUD OWNERS of gerbils at our house. A LOT of gerbils. And although I was the most reticent of everyone about acquiring these creatures, I have to admit, they are awfully cute.

It all started late in the fall when our oldest, Max, began yearning for a pet. Now we have fish but they refuse to be trained to do tricks, and I guess he was looking for something a little more exciting. He suggested a dog to which his father promptly replied "No". I always had a dog when I was growing up but I did have to admit that it probably wasn't the right time for one. Then the books about gerbils started coming home from the school library. Every week a new book would arrive extolling the virtues of this sweet little rodent. They were clean, fairly quiet, amusing to watch and had a life expectancy of three to five years. I merely said, "We'll see" in that way mothers have just before they know they are going to lose.

About a week before Christmas, I was informed by my husband that Grandma had made a deluxe gerbil condo and he and Grandma had purchased two of the darlings for Max's Christmas gift. Wow! I guess I was more surprised than anything. Once I started thinking about how thrilled the kids would be I came around. However, before I could get too excited, tragedy struck. The pair that had been purchased expired. I was really glad they passed on before they got to our house but still, what to do now?

Well the gerbil condo was very well received and with it came a promise of an excursion to pick out two plump little friends to live in it. The day they arrived was similar in my mind to days when I had given birth. Such excitement and so many people standing around grinning saying, "Aren't

they cute!"

Bernard and Bianca, the two new residents, loved their home. They scurried up and down the four level complex and peered through the glass wall, amusing the kids greatly. I must say, they seldom watched tv for the Christmas holiday because they were glued to the gerbil cage. We were all getting used to our new little friends and even I was quite benevolent about it all. One night when the cage was being cleaned we were noticing that there had been a lot of nesting and that Bianca was looking a little thick through the hip area. Well sure enough, the next morning we were the proud new owners of baby gerbils! These funny, hairless, blind little sausages were squirming about in "the birthing room" and the mother, to her credit, was up and around and looked just fabulous.

Once we got over our shock, we had to explain to the children that it wasn't very likely that all of the babies would survive. We weren't even sure how many there were at first, just that there were lots. As the days went by and the parents guarded them less and less, we started seeing them and we were able to count eight. And guess how many survived? Of course, all eight! Talk about the luck of the Irish.

They are outgrowing their space so we must now look at either a renovation, an annex or an entirely new site. There are a few things in the cage that need fixing but that could be done at a fairly low cost. The present structure is sound and so it is quite feasible to build on to it. Space may be somewhat of a factor but we think it could be handled in the present location. As far as an annex at a separate location, that too is being considered. We could build another structure at another location, (or several locations for that matter) and simply move some of them over. What it will all boil down to is the cost of this whole endeavour and how we can best accommodate our gerbils. I guess I will be out pricing lumber and plexiglass and I had better get right on that. After all, we must also look to the future as the gestation period of gerbils is twenty-four days. At least the Haliburton County Board of Education doesn't have THAT to worry about!



Pic of the Past

It's time to think about summer... This week's Pic of the Past highlights a shore dinner for Elephant Lake Lodge guests in July 1947. From

left are Harold Schickler, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Yvonne, Mary Mason, Bill Wagner, Eleanor, Martha Davis, Lloyd and Jo Leadbeater and Jim Mason. The kids are Priscilla, Jimmy, Shirley and Tommy. Our thanks to Mrs. Leadbeater of Harcourt Park for sharing the photo with us.

Opinions vary on women's groups and guns

More Letters from Echo Readers

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without scrutiny, maligning the male, to the courts.

I believe this may be done to assure job security and funding for women's groups etc.

They don't seem to realize that women's movements, anti-violence groups, child service professionals, therapists, shelters and all affiliates are quickly losing credibility because of their fanaticism. No one can deny that there are virtually no services for the basic male and these groups seem to determined to create the illusion that they just don't matter.

If these ladies don't soon get an accountable honest and most importantly "Fair" act together that represents "males and females" I think some essential services will be endangered ... and all for the improvement of a feminist movement that we don't all care for.

N. Brady (Summer Resident)
Minden

Priorities confuse reader

To the Editor:

We read with interest the response to two recent meetings in Haliburton. The first involved the Board of Education which attracted a rather disappointing crowd of three people. Not surprising. After all, this merely involved parental responsibility in the future of our country. What's that got to do with anything? The second was a gun rally which drew an overflow crowd of some 1100 people including our two talking heads from the government. The focus of the meeting was the pending firearms legislation which will, if I read the reporter correctly, pose a very real threat to Peter Sopramik's gun collection, devalue John O'Reilly's classic World War I handgun and deliver a direct attack on Chris Hodgson's "rural way of life," the high point of which appears to be the possession of a hunting rifle.

Believe it or not chaps, there are a whole bunch of people out there, including the families of the murdered Montreal students, who are convinced that the primary function of a gun is to kill or maim. If you believe the media, this practice is reaching epidemic proportions. So much so that the City of Toronto is considering the recruitment of a CHAR Team simply to wipe the blood off the sidewalks.

In a perfect world there would be no guns and no one would be shot. But this is not a perfect world. We know from John O'Reilly's unimpeachable statistics that it wouldn't be too long before some hood holds up the local bank carrying a concealed canoe paddle ... and if you think that's scary just read ex-Reeve Harry Davis' letter to the editor warning of the possibility of federal legislation to register our pointy kitchen utensil. In my opinion this is a distinct threat to our rural way of life. Better have a rally Harry.

Stan Beard,
Beatrix Potter Collector,
Wilberforce

Dale McCrea,
Tory Hill

A colourful window on life



DOWN OUR ROAD
SHARON LYNCH

SHE REMEMBERED WALKING ACROSS THE cold flat landscape, the dry snow parting before her moccasin clad feet. Even from across the windy field she could see the shock of red in the window, like a stain on canvas. The frost was heavy on the window's glass, crusty around its corners. But through the frozen haze, that geranium mocked the prairie winter.

It bloomed in the kitchen window all through winter, a large and leggy plant curving and twisting its way around the sun lit spot. In the summer, Molly's mother moved it outside on the stoop near the back door. The true place of glory however remained indoors, in sharp contrast to the bitter Saskatchewan world outside.

Nearly half a century later Molly had her own plants on her own kitchen window. Geraniums were never a favourite of Molly's, perhaps because none could ever compare to those from her prairie childhood. Instead, she chose begonias, in bright pink bloom for all the world to see throughout the winter months. She delighted in hearing people say, upon first entering her kitchen, that they could not get over these flowers at that time of year. That was when she told them about her mother's geraniums. Funny, it did not seem so long ago when she told the story.

Kate had heard her mother tell the story so often that she grew able to see the window in her own mind's eye. She could picture her mother, a small

figure with old fashioned woollen clothing, moccasins, and a wind-burned face walking through swirling snow toward the red patch. Kate had a great imagination and sometimes felt as though she had actually been there to see her grandmother's geranium in the window.

So like her mother Molly, Kate also grew up with flowers in the kitchen window; in her case, begonias. One year the kitchen was painted so everything was taken off the walls, shelves and window ledges. It was days before the oil paint dried and Kate remembered how odd it felt to look at the empty kitchen window.

Kate grew up and moved away from home. She went to the west coast to live for several years. At first she had an apartment, and plants were the last thing on her active young mind. But when she moved into a rented house with its deep window in the kitchen, she thought she'd take advantage of the mild Vancouver climate and try growing some plants in the house.

When she went to the plant store, she found plants she had never seen back in Ontario. Some were quite exotic and she tried them in her new window. After trial and error Kate settled on a good mix that grew well together. Unfortunately however, none of the successful ones were blooming plants so she had to be content with shades of green. She told herself that flowering plants, geraniums and begonias in particular, were more suited to elderly ladies with china tea cups, than to someone her age.

Kate's life moved on. Eventually her mother passed away and Kate had to see to the disposing of the house. She never forgot walking into the old kitchen that last time and seeing the empty window ledge. The plants were gone, removed before Kate arrived. No doubt they had gone to neighbours and other elderly plant lovers her mother had known. Kate would have liked the begonias but it was too late.

Then one summer Kate bought two geraniums and kept them in pots on her deck by the lake. Although her mother had never cared for geraniums, Kate enjoyed their saucy brightness and the way the cold Haliburton nights did not bother them at all. In the fall, she had planned to take them out of the pots and let them hibernate in the basement until repotting in the spring. But she never got around to doing that.

Instead, she carried the pots indoors and set them in the bay window in her study. She already had several plants there and intended to make it only a temporary stop on the way to the basement hibernation. However before she knew it, Christmas had come and gone and by then she figured it was too late to move the geraniums.

The weather turned very cold in early February, and one day Kate sat working at her desk and marvelling at the efficiency of her bay window in keeping the cold away from her plants. A spot of colour caught her eye. It was two red geranium blooms, partly hidden amid all the other foliage crammed into the bay window. The story of Molly and her mother's kitchen window came flooding back. Kate laughed to herself at the funny circle life could be.

Friends

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That life's completeness and richness depends
On the things we share with our loved ones and friends.

Ted Deterling,
Wilberforce

BOONIEVILLE

by
Charlie Teljeur



Redmen squeak out series

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

On paper, the play-off series between first-place HHSS Redmen and seventh-place Lakefield College appeared to be a mismatch.

But in the playoffs, regular-season records go out the window, dreams are shattered, upsets occur and unknown talents shine.

In other words, unpredictability is the only sure thing.

While the Redmen disposed of Lakefield in a two-game, quarter-finals sweep last week, it was anything but an easy, first-round, prep series for the club.

In a series which saw a total of four goals between the two teams, the Redmen narrowly escaped a humbling, opening-round upset.

Despite having the lowest goals-against in regular season play, the stingy Lakefield College club's defensive play was only able to carry them so far as they were held to a single goal total in both 2-1 and 1-0 losses.

The series' opening game at Dysart arena last Monday night, though lacking in offensive excitement, was tight-checking, nail-biting playoff hockey at its finest.

And in typical playoff fashion, it was the lesser lights who provided the heroics. With the aggressive Lakefield checking successfully tying up the Redmen's top line of Mark Morissette, Jackie Morrison and Tim Keefer, the recent losses to the line-up of key offensive players appeared as though they might be the Redmen's undoing this year.

But as would occur later again in game two, the Redmen rookies rose to the occasion and supplied what little offence that would be needed.

With both teams efficiently closing off the view to the net, a

scoreless deadlock was broken at the 7:13 mark of the second period by Gr. 10 student Josh Burk.

That would be all the scoring required as, while the Lakefield team doesn't give up many goals, neither does it score them often.

Thursday evening's game in Lakefield was an offensive thriller in comparison as the Redmen opened the scoring with two goals in the first period. Rookies Jeff Wray and Bill Dovell (set up by Burk) both provided what the closely-checked Redmen veterans were unable to — goals.

Lakefield responded before the end of the period cutting the margin in half with their first and only goal of the series.

Redmen coach Ron Yake said that despite the team's regular season superiority, he expected the series would be a close affair — though not necessarily that close.

"It was nerve-racking, that's for sure," a relieved Yake said. "But in the playoffs everything is quite different. Players backcheck harder, scores drop and generally games are a lot closer."

Yake gave full credit to the team's lesser lights, which with the cards down, came up with diamonds. "It was certainly the second line and the extras that made the difference for us. If a team is going to check our top line hard like that then it is up to the other guys to come through — and they did."

The Redmen now move on to the second round beginning tomorrow at Dysart arena against the sixth-place (in regular season) Crestwood Mustangs, who are still riding the wave of an upset series win over Campbellford.

The Redmen edged the Mustangs in two previous meetings by scores of 4-3 and 4-2.



Rough and tumble action at Monday's Redmen game

Minor Tykes run out of luck

By DAN MacMILLAN

On February 5th the Minor Tykes migrated south to Manvers. Not only was the weather very cold but the Huskies must have left their luck back home in Haliburton. Maybe they were just tired from playing two games in two days. It was a reasonably low scoring game in which the Huskies had their share of scoring chances but they just couldn't capitalize on them. Manvers edged out to a 1 to 0 lead and Adam Sisson scored an unassisted goal to tie it. Manver

scored two more goals to make it 3 to 1 and Greg Nimigon scored an unassisted goal to draw the Huskies closer but that was the way the game ended.

It was just one of those days for the Huskies when nothing would go right for them. Open nets were missed, goal posts were hit and passes didn't click. Dylan Metcalfe, who is by nature a very steady goaltender, saw pucks squirt and dribble past him. It was anything but your average hockey game and it may serve to show the kids the dangers of being over confident.

Mites' comeback bid falls short

By LAURIE SMITH

On Feb. 18th, the Huskie Mites played host to Bobcaygeon in an evenly matched game.

Although Bobcaygeon made it to the scoreboard first, by the end of the first period, Haliburton was head by two goals. Haliburton's scoring, in the first period, came from Kenton Winn

assisted by Chase Thurston, and two goals from Devin Hunter with one assist each by Dallyn Smith and Jesse Stoughton.

The second period saw Bobcaygeon take the lead with Haliburton getting on the scoreboard once with a goal from Mitchell Vasey assisted by Kenton Winn.

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MONMOUTH CURLING CLUB LADIES VALENTINE BONSPIEL



Winners of the "A" Event, sponsored by Curry Motors, Haliburton, were (L to R), Carol Puffer, Jack Ward, President of MCC and Skip, Cheryl Murdoch of the Minden Curling Club. Absent are Abby Burk & Debbie Challice.



Winners of the "B" Event, sponsored by Haliburton Lumber, were (L to R), Skip Dana Kinsman, M.J. Irwin, Barb Walford-Davis & Marie Lennard of the Minden Curling Club.



Winners of the "C" Event, sponsored by Walsten Marine, Kinmount, were (L to R) Judy Coburn, Roberta Walsh & Skip, Myrtle Weedmark of the Monmouth Curling Club. Absent, Kathy Walsh.

Members of the Monmouth Curling Club will be endeavouring to demonstrate what all that shouting is about on Sunday afternoon, March 5, when they host a Break the Ice gathering at the club's Wilberforce rink. Anyone who has been wondering what those yells of "hard:Hard:HARD" have to do with curling can get an answer to that and other questions about "The Roaring Game" by joining President Jack Ward and other members of the club between 3 and 5 pm. Young and old are invited to come along and watch a curling demonstration; throw a few practice rocks; or just share hospitality and refreshments with friends and members of the club. Contact Ernie Hemphill, General Delivery, Wilberforce (705) 448-2340

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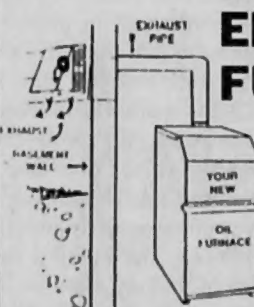
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HHSS skiers off to championships

by BRUCE GRIFFITH

Tuesday, February 14th was a special day for Haliburton Skiers as they dominated the midget and junior categories in the Central Ontario Ski Championships and gave Lakefield College a challenge in the senior events. With perfect trail conditions, the Glebe Park nordic race course continues to rank as one of Ontario's top nordic racing centres as 11 schools from the Central Ontario region competed for skiing supremacy and a chance to qualify for the Provincial championships.

There were two big surprises in the midget categories for the HHSS team as Amy Rosenberg won a silver medal and John Craig took gold. Doug Clarke, also of Haliburton, had an excel-

lent fourth place finish. Haliburton skiers dominated the junior categories with rookie star Ainsley Heyes placing third, girl's team leader Amanda Duncombe fourth, rookie sensation Allison Kennedy sixth and gold medal team saver Amy Ellis at ninth place out of fourteen. The junior girls team placed first overall and qualified for OFSAA.

In the junior boys event, Kawartha champion BJ Cummings, although ill, pulled off a silver medal finish. Ryan O'Neill, Matt Heffer, Keven Hurley and Danny Wright came 7th, 8th, 9th and 13th out of 17 skiers and captured first place in the team event. The senior boys event was a battle between the dominant Lakefield College, Haliburton and Adam Scott S.S.

Haliburton skiers placed second at Kawartha and were looking for

gold when an unfortunate injury eliminated the team from the relay event and thus a final team placing. Ryan Cummings placed fifth in a very competitive senior boys event and qualified for OFSAA. Rookie Ryan Ellis had fantastic race with a personal best time and finish and team veteran Jeff Wright braved a difficult 10.2 km course to keep the HHSS team in the competition.

After hosting the Kawartha and COSSA Nordic Ski Championships, ten HHSS skiers qualified for the Provincial championships. Coaches Bruce Griffith and Sharon Dibblee are proud of this being the largest Haliburton team ever to qualify. OFSAA takes place at Hardwood Hills near Barrie on February 23rd and 24th. Team coaches wish to congratulate and thank all team members, parents, race mar-

shals who helped with the events and local community members plus the staff of Glen Sharpley Sports who helped support a great team!

The following are the results for the HHSS team:

Midget Girls: Amy Rosenberg, 0:25:40, 2nd.

Midget Boys: John Craig, 0:23:09, 1st; Doug Clarke, 0:26:34, 4th.

Junior Boys: B.J. Cummings, 0:21:27, 2nd; Ryan O'Neill, 0:25:57, 7th; Matt Heffer, 0:26:05, 8th; Keven Hurley, 0:27:55, 9th; Danny Wright, 0:31:50 13th.

Junior Girls: Ainsley Heyes, 0:26:47, 3rd; Amanda Duncombe, 0:27:02, 4th; Allison Kennedy, 0:34:30, 6th; Amy Ellis 0:38:03, 9th.

Senior Boys: Ryan Cummings, 0:41:22, 5th; Ryan Ellis, 0:49:08, 12th; Jeff Wright, 1:03:15, 21st.



Joan Sobel, Becky Durkin and Wanda Mole were among the close to 200 women who participated in the Women on Snow event, held in Haliburton for the first time last weekend.

Women on Snow raise \$14,700 for Easter Seals

The weather was perfect and the trails were primed as the local chapter of Women on Snow took over the Haliburton trails on the weekend for the 1995 fundraising event for Easter Seals.

The women-only snowmobile event took 196 riders from across the province on a 350 kilometre tour through local trails and raised \$14,700 for charity.

"I'm overwhelmed. It was a big success," said Women on Snow President Marj Kennedy. "There were very happy ladies and we had a full day of riding Saturday."

The annual event was held in Haliburton for the first time and

will be returning for two more years.

And while there could have been a little more snow, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association was right on top of the trails all weekend ensuring they were properly groomed, said Co-organizer Darlene Brown. "The trails were excellent."

"It was wonderful," said Lisa Davies. "We'll be back next year."

Kennedy said a "big thanks" was owed to sponsors Haliburton Rotary Club and Easter Seals "and the men volunteers who loaded and unloaded were very much appreciated."

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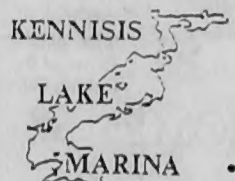


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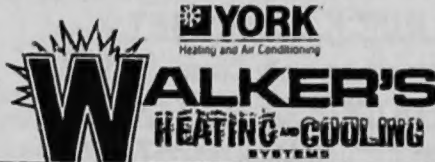


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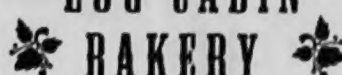
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OMHA Huskies take a 2-0 series lead

By C.B. WOOD

On Friday evening the OMHA Huskies faced off against the club from Frankford. The Huskies were keyed up, ready for their first performance in the quarter finals.

Scot Curry, a valuable winger, opened the scoring for Haliburton. The Huskies were on fire and never looked back. Ryan Wood and Jeff Wilson netted four goals each. Chris Nimigon and Chris Petrow added a mark apiece, making the final score 11-3 for Haliburton. Outstanding teamwork from blueliners Shane Campbell, Adam Henry and Alex Judge assisted in setting up the plays. Incredible glove saves were made by Andrew Sachs, thrilling the fans. Assistant Captain Jamie Luck grinded hard throughout the game and played his usual defensive style. The Huskies feisty right winger, Warren Cooper, was an important play maker for four of the goals.

The game provided the Huskies team with an excellent opportunity

to try out new plays, while the coaching staff could experiment with different combinations. All this providing the players to be creative and enhancing their ability to co-operate as a team.

On Saturday it was game two of the series. It was a different game with the rivals attempting to tie up the Haliburton men. It worked to the Huskies' advantage though because the opposition forgot about the puck. Jeff Wilson notched the first mark for the Huskies after being set up by Scot Curry and Alex Judge. Jamie Luck found the range for goal two, assisted by Jeff Wilson and Scot Curry. Frankford answered back. The competition attempted to block the net by flooding their zone. This just allowed the huskies blueliners to fire away. Shane Campbell picked up the pace of the game when he drilled the puck past the Frankford goalie at the end of the second frame bringing the game to 3-1. The Huskies started the third period briskly when Jamie Luck netted another goal after being set up by Jeff Wilson and Chris Petrow. Warren Cooper and Shane Campbell worked hard to set Chris Nimigon up for Haliburton's next goal. Alex Judge a strong defensive player bulged the twine for the Haliburton team bringing the score to 6-1. Jeff Wilson was helpful in setting up the play. Ryan Wood closed off the game netting the final goal making the final score 7-3 for the Huskies. Scot Curry and Alex Judge assisted.

Haliburton leads the series 2 games to 0. Adam Henry was quite impressive playing defense, proving that a valuable member of the team is flexible and plays where it will benefit the club. The Huskies' goalie Andrew Sachs came up with some brilliant saves.

The Huskies are learning the importance of self-discipline. maintaining self control in a tightly checking game is a skill that takes developing. Self-discipline learned in Hockey will benefit these young athletes in many aspects of their lives.

Lightning zapped

By GINNY POCKETT

The Novice C Huskies got their first taste of playoff action at home on Saturday. What a sweet taste it was when they downed the Mariposa Lightning 9-1 in front of the hometown fans. The Huskies took pride in showing off their skill in working together as a team - playing their positions and passing the puck.

The Mariposa team had good chances and worked hard but were not able to capitalize on their efforts. The Huskies took a strong lead early in the match and steadily built on it throughout the game. Great start Huskies!

This week's Pick of the Pack is Joel Johnson. Joel demonstrated the importance of being in position when he scored four of his six team goals on rebounds during the playoff opener.



TOP PRIZE WINNER AT FOREST POKER RUN

Robert Mazur, a firefighter from Milton, won the grand prize of a Skidoo Touring E in Saturday's Poker Run and Haliburton Forest. His winning hand, a flush with Ace high, topped the cards of more than 500 other participants, the most ever in the 7th annual event, which raised more than \$3,000 for Haliburton Hospital. Some 180 other prizes also were handed out. Spring-like weather, excellent trails and a terrific service at the checkpoints (pancakes and maple syrup, BBQ'd sausages with cider, cookies and hot chocolate, made the event a huge success.

Novice Rep Huskies dumped

By WADE MacINNES

Some post playoff action for the Haliburton Novice Reps kicked off on Saturday Feb. 18 at home against the Minden Monarchs. Having split the season series at two wins apiece this contest would be for bragging rights if nothing else. With Minden missing one of their top guns for a match penalty, the Huskies took them a little lightly.

The game went back and forth changing leads but in the end Minden came out on top of a 6-4

score. Huskies points came from Joey Sisson and Ross Gerry with one goal and two assists each, Joel Cooper with one goal and one assist, Jason Chambers with one goal and Shawn MacInnes with one assist. Great game guys!! And Alex (from Haliburton) keep your stick straight up and down.

Sunday Feb. 19 the Novice Huskies were host to the A team out of Bracebridge. The Black Hawks out-muscled the Huskies earlier in the year in a 5-3 exhibition. But on this day it would be the Haliburton boys who out-

muscle and out-hustled the Bracebridge team enroute to a 4-3 victory. Good forechecking and great passing helped the white and blue gain this win for a much needed morality boost.

Alex Frybort came up big in the Huskie cage to help his teammates. Haliburton points came from Jamie Sala with a goal and an assist, Jason Chambers with a goal and an assist, Matt Manary and Norm Smith with one goal each, and Joey Sisson, Joel Cooper and Shawn MacInnes with one assist each. Solid effort guys!! Keep up the good work.

Mites downed

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The Huskies came up with another two goals, in the third period. Both goals scored by Cody Hodgson. However, Bobcaygeon was able to match these and still hung on to the lead with a 7-6 victory.

The Mites next scheduled game is in Manvers on Friday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m.

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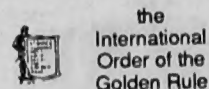
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Minden, Haliburton Men's score a victory for 4Cs

By STEPHEN SMITH

On Saturday, February 11th as part of the Winterfest activities, the Haliburton and Minden Men's Leagues participated in a charity match. This, the second, game of a home and home series, saw not only some serious and entertaining hockey, but resulted in money being raised for the 4Cs.

Minden opened the scoring on a nice goal by Jeff Howe. Haliburton's Chad "what time is it" Burden replied late in the first period with 16 seconds left on a perfect three way passing play from Rob "Road Runner" Meyers and Paul "Chelios" Dovell.

The second period saw some great chances by both teams, but the goaltenders were outstanding. Both goalies saw their fair share of rubber. It was not until 5:18 left in the second period, when Bernie "sniper" Upton broke the tie on a stupendous move by Dovell and an excellent pass from Meyers.

Minden, not known to roll over and die, answered Haliburton's goal with one of their own. Bill Hogg on an unbelievable individual effort tucked one under Lew "The Wall" Dummit.

The teams broke after the second for a breather and some chalk talk. Minden's pep talk must have taken hold faster, because Scott "Beam me up" Hamilton took a pass from Jeff "Boomer" Stamp and put it passed Haliburton's netminder.

Haliburton collected themselves with a strategic move by Norm "Keenan" Barry, resulting in Upton coming up with a textbook tip from Erin "Big Red" Nicholls and Chris "MPP" Hodgson.

both teams had equal chances to put the game away but it was, Ron "Big Gun" Perrin who finally blew one by Minden's goalie. Assisting on the goal was Nicholls and Hodgson.

Final score Haliburton 4 and Minden 3.

The ultimate winner was the 4C's as \$300 was raised along with 20-30 lbs of food.

At this time I would, on behalf of the Men's League, like to thank a few individuals and groups. Without their help and donations, this event would not have come together the way it did:

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See you next year!!

Atom Bs earn playoff shutout against Falcons

The Haliburton Atom Bs started a busy week of playoff games against Fenelon. The Huskies got on the scoreboard as Garrett Pockett picked up a rebound off Cory Sisson. Gerald Sharp made it 2-0 on a nice solo effort. The Huskies increased their lead to three goals as Adam "Moose" Frybort scored on a set up by Cory Poole. Jeff Packard increased the score to 4-0 on a pass from Chris Jung. Cory Sisson rounded out the scoring on a setup by Garrett Pockett and Matt Brown. Ryan "Little Cat" Hutson put in a solid game in the twine and earned the shutout. The Huskies also had a penalty free game which is nice to see. The three stars for the game were Ryan Hutson, Adam Frybort and Cory Poole.

The Huskies' next game was the next night in Cannington. The Huskies hadn't met Cannington which is said to be a strong team. The two teams spent the first five minutes feeling each other out. Cannington opened the scoring midway through period one, but the Huskies tied the game up on the power play as Doug Roswell scored on a set up by Cory Sisson. The game was end to end

action with both goaltenders coming up with big save. With 3:41 left on the clock Cory Sisson passed to the big lad Adam Tomlinson whose blast over-powered the Cannington goalie. Cannington took only 21 seconds to tie the game back up at 2-2. Cannington looked like they were going to score the win.

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Golden Ponders go down fighting

Wilberforce Old Timers

Ken Riley

CANADA CELEBRATED the 30th anniversary of its flag this past week with lots of pomp and ceremony. When the flag was first introduced there was much controversy. It makes one wonder how easy it would be to introduce a flag in these politically correct '90s and what it would look like. How about a Mountie, atop his trusty steed, of course wearing that most Canadian of symbols, the turban. It could be a cod fisherman hauling in his empty nets, while in the background is a clearcut shoreline. Canada is of course, most famous for its hockey, so a good flag might be crossed hockey sticks (one blue, one pink to represent gender equality) in front of an ugly mug with no teeth and a busted nose. Now that's Canada!

Speaking of hockey, games were played in Wilberforce this week, starting off with Glen Sharpley Sports and Wilberforce Golden Ponders. The Ponders led after the first with Eric Barnes and Royden Hawley finding net; Walt McKechnie scored for the Sharpleys.

The sportsmen jumped ahead in the second with Joe Roberts, Chuck Clarkson and Tony DeCarlo all scoring, Ken Riley had the Ponders' lone goal. The Ponders fought hard in the third, but came up

short losing 7-5. Rounding out the scoring for the S.S. was Glen Sharpley with one, Keith McPherson had two. For the Ponders Hawley had his second and Dave Swan got one.

Game two featured age-old rivals Bancroft Canadian Tire and Bancroft I.G.A. this was an exciting game with great netminding from C.T.C.'s Craig Walton and I.G.A.'s Glen Muslow, both goalies keeping the first two periods scoreless. It was too bad both goalies couldn't have hot shutouts, but Tony Falcon and Lloyd Peters finally got it past Muslow, to make the final C.T.C. 2 - I.G.A.

Game three had Apsley facing off against the Clarkson Plumbers. The Plumbers' Roy Boughner had the only tally of the first. The Clarkson's jump to a big lead in the second with Boughner getting his second; Dan Curry and Jerry Walker also found net. Bill Roter got the Apsley's on the score sheet. That was all the scoring for the Plumbers, but the Apsleyites could only manage one more from Roter to end it Clarkson 4, Apsley 2.

In game four it was the number one Haliburton Hawks vs the Number eight Rainbow Auto Glass.

This game was a washout as not enough Rainbows showed up. Nice night for a drive though, eh Hawks!

Next week the Hawks meet Apsley at 6:30, Canadian Tire Tykes on Wilberforce at 7:40, Clarkson vs Rainbow at 8:50 and I.G.A. faces Sharpley at 10:00. Bring a banner or bring a flag, just get to the rink, don't be a drag!

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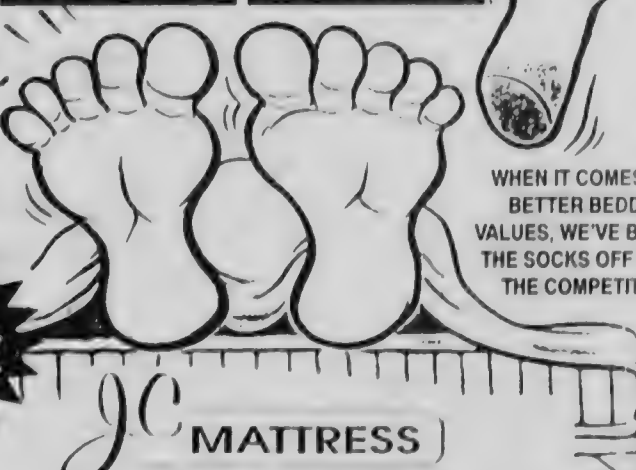
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Atom Bs claw back

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ning goal as the assistant captain walked in with under a minute left in the game and fired a shot to the corner of the net, but the Little Cat kicked the pad for a 2-2 tie. The three stars were Cory Sisson, Ryan Goldenberg and Matt Hutchinson.
The Huskies played host to Woodville on Friday the 17th. The Huskies had plenty of scoring power. The Woodville team started an alternate goalie but it didn't help them. The Huskies fired two first period goals, the first by Ryan Goldenberg on a set up by Jeff Packard, the second by Doug Roswell with assists going to Gerald Sharp and Adam Tomlinson. Ryan Goldenberg scored his second goal of the game with a shot off the goalie's skates. Earning assists were Jeff Packard and Darren Kirkpatrick. Cory Sisson made it 4-0 Haliburton when he fired a shot

from a sharp angle, set up by Chris Jung and Matt Brown. Adam Tomlinson put Haliburton up by five when he scored with Gerald Sharp and Doug Roswell assisting. After Woodville got on the scoreboard, Gerald Sharp took a Matt Hutchinson pass and increased the score to 6-1. Jeff Packard picked up a Ryan Goldenberg shot. Adam Tomlinson rounded out the scoring as he let loose another one of his patented blasts on a set up by Jeff and Darren Kirkpatrick. The Huskies played a solid two-way game in winning big by a 8-1 score. The three star selection were Jeff Packard, Adam Tomlinson and Darren Kirkpatrick.

The Huskies' next game was against Cannington at home on Saturday the 18th. The Huskies came out flat and Cannington got on the scoreboard first with two

goals. The Huskies picked up the pace in the second and it paid off as Matt Hutchinson fired a shot to the back of the Cannington net. Earning assists were Gerald Sharp and Cory Poole. The huskies tied the game when Gerald Sharp hit pay dirt on a set up by Chris Jung and Matt Hutchinson. The Huskies went ahead early in the third when Cory Sisson scored the eventual game winner on a smart pass from Matt Brown. Gerald Sharp scored an unassisted insurance goal to round out the scoring 4-2 for Haliburton.

The Huskies had one player go out of the game due to injury, but Adam "Moose" Frybort got his street clothes on and cheered the rest of the guys on from behind the bench. The three star selection was Gerald Sharp, Chris Jung and Garrett Pockett.

Good week of hockey guys, keep it up.

MNR unveils trout plan

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ated by restocking.
The plan covers all natural trout lakes in the Pembroke and Bancroft Districts, which includes Minden and Tweed, as well as the Kawagama Lake area, Muskoka lakes and Parry Sound District.
The MNR says public opinion last year was divided over what measures should be taken to ensure trout preservation.
Respondants to a 1994 questionnaire showed people were split on whether size limits or winter bans were the best methods to take. But the results showed a vast majority supported a plan to manage populations.
Dan Buhl, a representative with the local chapter of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, says the MNR didn't follow up its recommendations to carry out a lake by lake assessment of populations.
Buhl says that there is no proof that prohibiting live bait and banning winter fishing on some lakes will make any difference on fish populations.
"We have evidence that it did not help a bit on Drag Lake which has been closed for ice fishing for such a long time," says Buhl.
The ban on winter fishing is "lunatic," says Buhl, and will put Haliburton County's winter

tourism industry in jeopardy.
"It will make a hell of a difference on tourism in the county and it will put a lot of live bait and tackle businesses out of business," he says.
Sid Cooper, member and former vice president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, also raised concerns about the effects an ice fishing ban.
He says the MNR hasn't properly conducted studies of local lakes. "They didn't take into account other factors such as the change in water levels because the area is used as a reservoir for the Trent-Severn Waterway. And that is very hard on the fish and is a problem they did not address," Cooper says.
The size limitations will mean many fish caught will be returned to the water, "but the problem there is that a lot of the fish released are damaged and don't live that long," he says pointing out that fishermen will have to measure the catch before determining if they are to be returned.
Cooper, though, agrees that "something needed to be done that's for sure."
MNR Biologist Kinsman dispute Buhl's claim that the Drag Lake winter fishing closure has not been beneficial. She says that it is too soon to see a visible

recovery in the trout populations because it takes six to seven years for the fish to reach their full growth.
"The fish are still young and still growing and it takes several years before recovery."
"We want the lakes to have a sustainable yield and the bottom line is that there is too much fishing pressure on the lakes," Kinsman says. "We truly feel that the regulations will help get back our fishing populations and manage them at a sustainable level."
MNR studies have shown that 59 per cent of local lakes are being overharvested.
Kinsmen could not offer a time frame for how long the new regulations will be in place but said they would remain until "we see some recovery. And it could take a long time."
The winter fishing closure includes 86 lake trout lakes in south central Ontario and the size limits 102 lakes.
The list of 43 area lakes which will be restricted from ice fishing includes a number in Haliburton County: Bitter Lake, Bow Lake, Bucks Lake, Clear Lake, Davis Lake, Halls Lake, Klaxon Lake, Lipsy Lake, Little Bob Lake, North Lake, Oblong Lake, Pine Lake, Sherborne Lake, South Anson Lake and Stormy Lake.

Haliburton Minor Hockey Schedule

• Home Games Only January 30-February 5 •

TEAM	DATE	TIME	VISITING TEAM
Novice C	Wed. Feb. 22	7 p.m.	Ops
Atom C	Fri. Feb. 24	6 p.m.	Wilberforce
Atom C Tournament	Sat. Feb. 25	All day	
Bantams	Sat. Feb. 25	7 p.m.	Frankford
OMHA Atom 2nd entry	Sat. Feb. 25	8:30 p.m.	Frankford

Novice B Huskies on playoff roll

By BRYAN BROWN

After going undefeated during their regular season the Haliburton Novice B Huskies opened their playoffs this past weekend with two victories.
In their road victory over Manvers the B's opened the scoring early in the second period when Kyle Boughner neatly weaved his way through three Manvers defenders before dishing off to linemate Andy Dawson who lifted a high wrist shot just under the crossbar. About half a minute later (1:03) Boughner then set up Dan Craig from the corner and Craig's wristshot quickly made it 2-0.
Matthew Roberts made it 3-0 at 4:34 when Josh Brown's hard wrist shot off the goaltender's

mask went right to Roberts who quickly banged it in. However, Manvers would score with 23 seconds left in the period to make it 3-1.
The Bs put the game out of reach in the third period on goals by Nick Judge, Kyle Boughner, and Andy Dawson. Assists went to Josh Brown and Dan Craig.
In their game, against OPS the Bs jumped out of the game very quickly hemming the boys from Ops in their own zone until at 2:22 when Josh Brown hammered home Matthew Roberts' pass from behind the net. Brown then put the Bs up 2-0 at 2:49 of the second period when he took another Roberts pass just outside his own blueline, then swept past two Ops defenders before finding the far corner.

The Bs went up 3-0 at 5:42 when Andy Dawson converted Nick Judge's set up from in close. However just when it looked like they might run away with the game Ops scored two quick goals.
Ops would tie the score at 2:23 of the third, setting the stage for a wide open last ten minutes of the game. First the chances would be at one end and then the other as both teams went all out for the win, a decision that would go to the Bs when Adrian Winn's long wrist shot from the blueline found the far corner. He was set up on a fine pass from behind the Ops net by Kyle Boughner.
The next action for the B's is February 20th when they try for their third playoff win in Cannington against the Kings.

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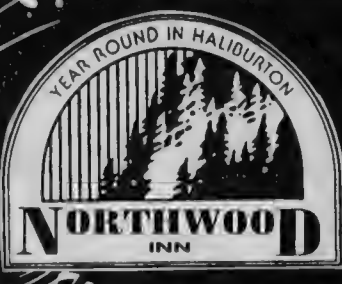
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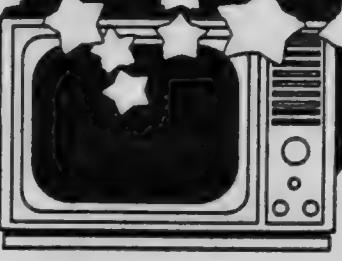
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The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Feb. 13 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Portage dispute

The Ministry of Natural Resources is searching historical documents to prove the portage at Wildcat Lake is an original portage. Landowners are disputing the legality of the canoe route and canoeists want to ensure that it stays open.

"People are being stopped and confronted at Wildcat," says Deputy-reeve Bill Davis. "Time is of the essence because the last thing we want to do is resolve this in court."

A route exists on both sides of the property so "it just doesn't make sense to have one section closed," said Councillor Leon Jones.

"I'd like to say it was a public portage but it would be stupid to do that before I have the proof," says Minden MNR supervisor Stan Flemming. The onus is on the MNR, which believes it is an historic portage, to find documentation that the route existed before the land was patented in 1860. (In the recent past, a portage did go through the area but that was with the permission of the former landowner. The present landowner is now denying access.)

If an historic portage is established, then landowners cannot do anything to restrict travel. In some cases, landowners have asked permission to re-route the portage across their own land and have later denied access. However, when the new route is closed, the original portage must still remain open.

Tax appeal

If someone is appealing their property assessment, council suggests that they pay their taxes first. Under legislation, interest is charged on unpaid

taxes from the day they are due, regardless of the success of any subsequent appeal. Therefore, if a person withholds taxes during the appeal and eventually gets assessment reduced, the money saved goes towards paying off the interest. People should pay the tax, wait for the result of the appeal, and then pocket the rebate.

Illegal logging

Council does not want to get involved in a private dispute between a landowner and a logger. As chronicled in the Echo, trees were taken from Thomas Thurley's property shortly after Christmas. The trees were on private property and Thurley had not given permission to have the trees logged. The logger said he did not realize he was on Thurley's property.

Thurley should pursue this through legal channels, council said.

Water quality

Both the municipality and the Drag Lake Property Owners Association have applied for funding to hire Environmental Youth Corps students to survey septic systems on the lake. Last year, Dysart hired students who surveyed Dysart's portion of Lake Kashagawigamog and half of Drag Lake. The association wants the other half done, as does Dysart. Dysart's application also includes other lakes in the watershed.

Clerk-administrator Donna McCallum says the health unit has been very co-operative, sending strong letters to landowners whose septic systems were found to be sub-standard. Council doesn't have a mandate to enforce replacement of faulty systems.

Responding to other items on the association's wish list, presented by President Terry Buchkowski, council will post a sign at public beaches telling people not to wash (themselves or their vehicles) in the lake. Council will also endeavour to

have roads graded on a regular basis.

New trail

The Nordic Ski Association can open a new trail leading from the north shore of Lake Kashagawigamog, as long as it's aware it can't have exclusive use.

Council gave permission to open up the road allowance between Concession VI and VII. Because it is public property, council will not restrict the use of the allowance. The allowance is next to Jean Tyler's property and stretches towards the trails at PineStone Resort.

Fight continues

The province should find out the social and financial impact of Bill 163 before the controversial new law is implemented, council says. Although council joined the fight against the bill before it was passed, none of the objections were taken into consideration. Now that the bill is law, council wants to continue the fight.

The law restricts woodlot development. The Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance argues that if landowners are being restricted in how they can develop and utilize their property, there should be a reduction in assessment. They argue that the rules will lower the value of their properties.

Referring to the upcoming provincial election, Reeve Murray Fearrey said "it's going to take a new government two years to rescind what (Premier Bob Rae's government) has done in the past six months."

Driving into the future

Twenty percent of the new rates for use of the Dymo Bus will go into a reserve fund for the purchase of a replacement bus. The new rates, which increased by \$1 for local trips, are as follows: Peterborough, Lindsay, Barrie, \$25 for card holders, \$35 for non-card holders; Area 1, \$2

one way; Area 2, \$4, one way; Area 3, \$7 one way; Area 4, \$8, one way; Extensicare, \$30 flat rate for Haliburton area and \$40 for Minden area.

Grant requests

When it opens its budget talks, council will consider the following requests for funding:

- Haliburton County Home Support Services: thanks to a \$5,000 grant last year from Dysart and three smaller grants other municipalities, the dedication of volunteers and the agency's own attempts at fiscal responsibility, the agency was able to balance its budget this year. The average cost per unit of service was \$13.59 or an average annual cost of \$332 per client. Home Support helps seniors remain independent in their own homes

- The Haliburton County Concert Band

- Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts: this collection of artisans and art enthusiasts contributes to the cultural life of the county. It operates the Rails' End Gallery, holds annual arts sales, supports the School of Fine Arts in the summer and in general promotes the development of the local arts community. It has established a reputation for fine work and inspired volunteers. The Guild is requesting a \$20,000 grant.

- Haliburton Highlands Museum: Director Tom Ballantine asked for a 3% increase in the municipal grant, from \$75,000 to \$77,250. Over the past year, the museum has done much to increase use of the building, including hosting numerous cross country ski races. Last year there were 3,700 visitors. The archives and newspaper microfiche records have also been enhanced and staff have worked on archeological digs.

Dysart's growing

There are almost 2% more houses and cottages in the municipality over last year.

Amalgamation begins for local community services

A single, multi-service agency to provide child welfare, children's mental health, and community support services for children is being established in Haliburton County with the help of a \$210,000 grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services' Community Innovation Fund.

The newly-formed agency will provide simplified client access, and co-ordinated and more efficient service delivery.

The four agencies involved, and transferring some part of their services and funding are:

- Kinark Child and Family Services, a children's mental

health and infant development program;

- Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society;

- Haliburton Social Action Committee - community support/case co-ordination services;

- Supportive Initiatives for Residents in the County of Haliburton (SIRCH)

It is anticipated that following successful transitional planning, the new non-profit agency - to be named Family Services of Haliburton County - will be designated as a children's aid society and will be administered by a board of volunteer directors.

Longer hours for rural doctors

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schedule a full roster of patients the next day. This works for a while, especially when they're younger, but they could soon get tired. As they get older, they are also less inclined to have to work the extra hours.

An article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal says "compared with their urban counterparts, rural physicians work longer hours, suffer more fatigue and sleep deprivation, have higher rates of dysfunctional family life, endure professional isolation and are more likely to die on the job than to retire."

Dr. Bottum says people must ask themselves why doctors would work in a small town. If their practice was in the city, they could earn the same amount of money but they wouldn't have to work nights or weekends. They'd have services at their fingertips and could update their skills more easily.

"Young physicians training in university centres are often intimidated by the long work hours, the complexity of the care required and the professional isolation (at rural practices)," says a press release from the medical centre.

As well, Dr. Bottum says not a week goes by when he doesn't receive solicitations from the United States. One of the local doctors followed up on one of those offers. What will make the other doctors decide to stay in Canada and then chose a rural practice over an urban one?

Add to this the fact that 50% of young graduates are women who have commitments to their families. Lifestyle is a very important

issue to them and it's becoming more and more important to the male doctors as well. "Their male counterparts are seeing there's more to life than marrying their practice," Dr. Bottum says.

Their agreement with St. Joseph's guarantees them a set wage for their time on call. Assured of maintaining their income levels, the doctors now can schedule fewer patients after they've been on call or attend conferences about advances in medicine and technology. This is especially important for their work at the emergency department. When they have to deal with any type of situation that walks in the door - in the city you can specialize in emergency medicine - they want to be up-to-date on current treatments.

The doctors know that many people think they are already very well paid, and compare them to the doctors such as Agnes Jamieson and Louis Carroll, who covered huge districts. But as situations in other small towns have proved, there have to be some incentives for working here or else they can move to larger centres. "You want to go someplace where you're needed and wanted," Dr. Bottum says.

The new plan is intended to be revenue neutral. "We anticipate there won't be a change in income," he adds. "We're not out to gouge the system." Because they'll be taking more time off, they won't be earning significantly more than they are now. Frank Lussing, executive director of St. Joseph's, has said the agreement will not put a financial strain on the hospital.

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Homebuilders seek answers to stalled industry

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Large-scale development could soon provide Haliburton with an economic jolt, Reeve Murray Fearrey says.

Fearrey confirmed at least three prospective developers have recently approached him to discuss major proposals which would involve "big money" coming into the municipality.

Two are present property owners considering development and one is a foreign investor. The potential deals hinge largely on interest rates staying down, he says.

"There have been three proposals discussed of large developments such as condominiums in the municipality," Fearrey said declining to offer any details.

He made the comments at Wednesday evening's monthly meeting of the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association.

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon, Councillor Daryl Moore and Fearrey attended the meeting to respond to builders' requests to ease up on municipal development charges — which they say are scaring off new home buyers. Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor was expected to attend but had to bail out because of another engagement.

Association member Tom Prentice presented a list of questions to the municipal leaders addressing builders' concerns. As well as suggesting a drop in lot levies to reflect the fall in real estate values, they also asked for

allowing levies and other development charges to be paid upon the sale of the lots, rather than up front.

"If you're developing say 10 lots, the sewer, water and lot levies work out to about \$3,900. So they are asking for \$39,000 before you sell a lot which makes it pretty tough," says Prentice.

In recent months, at least three development-related businesses have closed down in Haliburton County, said Prentice. One building supplies store and two building contractors all fell victim to the stagnant, local economy. "They didn't close because they went bankrupt. They just closed down because of the lack of work."

Prentice says he's not sure if the lack of development can be blamed on municipal charges, but "we have got to start looking somewhere."

New home builders must pay fees for building permits, lot levies, water and sewage hook-up charges as well as GST. "But if you go out and buy an existing home you don't have to pay for anything," says Prentice. "People are saying, 'Heck I'm not going

to build; I'm going to buy' and it is affecting the whole building trade."

Both Anthon and Fearrey said development charges are needed to cover the costs of community growth: today's development pays for tomorrow's services.

New lot developments mean an increased burden on municipal services, hence sewage line extensions and greater needs for fire services etc.

"In our township," said Fearrey, "we require a new baseball diamond and a new pumper for the fire department because of the growth in the community."

Fearrey said that Dysart's development fees are way below the recommended level and will remain there in acknowledgment of the struggling economy.

"The amount of money we are collecting is never even going to cover the cost of the needs. It is pretty nominal," he said. "But at least it covers a portion."

He said a study in 1991 suggested a lot levy of \$1,000, "but we struck \$500 to recognize the recession and there is no talk of increasing them because we all know the industry is still flat,

especially in Haliburton."

Both Anthon and Moore assured builders there are no plans to raise lot levies in Minden.

But as far as the suggestion of dropping fees to reflect fallen real estate values, "that would not be considered an appropriate way to measure charges," said Anthon.

The municipal leaders also rejected the request to pay charges upon the sale of a lot. It would create "an administrative nightmare" and pose too many hassles in collection, said Fearrey. "It's hard enough to deal with the lawyers now."

Moore said while the payoff may be less in smaller communities, "it is the developers which reap the financial rewards of a development."

He said the money the municipality takes in from development charges is peanuts. "But every peanut counts."

After hearing the explanation of the municipal representatives, association members eased up on their requests and were sympathetic to the woes of local government.

"After listening to the town-

ship's side I feel we should be paying more," remarked one member, undoubtedly kidding.

Association member Andy Shollig of Waycott Construction asked about the possibility of creating more incentives to encourage local development.

"It seems in general that the developer is to 'reap some reward' but at the same token it is the developer that takes the risk," said Shollig, proposing the idea of a tax break to entice large

industries into the county.

Fearrey said 10-year, tax-free offers have been tried by other municipalities in the past, "and the industry has pulled out at the end of the term."

While agreeing that "it's not a bad idea," Fearrey said that it would be difficult to convince the rest of the community still paying taxes of that.

Anthon said the key to attracting new development is for municipalities to better market their communities.



Minden Legion President Bill Blyth presents \$5,000 to SIRCH Executive Director Gena Robertson for the Women's Emergency House. Legion Vice-President Lloyd Johnson and the House's Susan Wilson are also present.

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Is there a cure for a broken heart?

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

AS SISTERS-IN-LAW, Shirley and Darlene Johnson share a lot. They have the same last name, their children have the same grandparents and they even live on the same road.

And while they've always been friends, now there's something else that binds them together — their hearts.

Several years ago when she was in her mid-forties, Shirley Johnson had a heart attack, which resulted in double by-pass surgery and angioplasty. In 1993, Darlene Johnson was told she needed a heart transplant. Since then, however, she's discovered that she's the one in a million heart patients who responds well to drug treatment. Together, they are acutely aware of the fragility of life and our complete dependence on the organ that faithfully keeps on beating, minute after minute, day after day, year after year.

This is Heart and Stroke Foundation Month and the two women are sharing their stories to illustrate the need for research into new technologies and treatments. As women, they are also aware that society still views heart disease as a men's health issue. Much of the research focuses on male patients, as does most of the public's attention. But they need no further proof than their own experiences to know that heart disease is very much a women's health problem, too.

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"The heart attacks are warnings to behave yourself," she says, adding that because she was so young, "you get angry that your body is letting you down."

Mrs. Johnson presented a bit of a challenge to her doctors. With by-pass surgery, doctors usually take an artery from the leg and use it to bypass the blocked heart artery. Several years ago, Mrs. Johnson's leg arteries were "stripped" and so doctors had to use an artery from her stomach.

By-pass surgery is supposed to solve the problem for a few years at least. But it wasn't long after her surgery that Mrs. Johnson began having angina attacks. She was at work when she collapsed, a sure sign that all was not well. It turned out that her arteries were beginning to clog up again.

This time her heart specialist — Peterborough's Dr. Bill Hughes, of whom the two women speak with glowing terms — suggested angioplasty. A catheter is fed through the artery to the blocked area. The doctor then blows up a tiny balloon attached to the end of the catheter. The effect is like a footprint in snow; the balloon presses down on the plaque, making more room for the blood to flow.

But it turns out that Mrs. Johnson's arteries are so small that the catheter wouldn't fit. Kingston didn't have a small enough needle, nor did Hamilton. Dr. Hughes said there was one more place they could try — Florida, where a doctor

February is Heart & Stroke Month. When the volunteers come collecting at Shirley and Darlene Johnson's doors, they know from experience their donation can make a difference.



One summer's day in 1987, Shirley Johnson and her daughter Donna Hodgson acted like tourists, visiting the art gallery, museum and park. For part of the day, Mrs. Johnson was carrying her grandson Adam, so when her arm started to ache that night, she thought it was just her tendonitis flaring up.

She took some Tylenol and tried to sleep it off. "I remember waking up and thinking if I shifted my arm, I'd be okay." But the next day, it wasn't okay. She was restless and weak. At nine at night, she finally realized that Tylenol wouldn't cure what ailed her.

"I started throwing up and then I panicked. I was sweating and shaking and I thought 'Oh my God, I know what's wrong with me.' It just hit me."

It turns out that two of the four arteries which carry blood from her heart were blocked with a thick layer of plaque. The heart was having to work doubly hard to pump the oxygen-rich blood to the rest of her body and eventually the constant stress led to the heart attack.

Because of her job as head of the hospital's kitchen, Mrs. Johnson had always been careful about her diet, trying to reduce the amount of fat and cholesterol, which contribute to the build-up of plaque. But she was a heavy smoker, practically "eating cigarettes." That, along with her genetics, meant that her body does not do a good job in coping with even small amounts of cholesterol. "I have normal cholesterol levels but with me, it's still too high." A check-up in May showed no sign of heart disease. The heart attack was in August and by the time she had by-pass surgery the following January, she had had two smaller attacks. She had also quit smok-

was pioneering laser surgery which burns away the plaque. So Mrs. Johnson became one of the last people to be able to go to the United States and have 99.9% of the medical costs covered by OHIP. (She tells people to be aware of how much our medical system costs. Her bill from the Florida hospital was \$20,000 — they charged her \$20 for an application of rubbing alcohol — and OHIP paid all but \$500.)

Luckily for her, the Florida specialist had a catheter that was small enough for the regular balloon angioplasty and she didn't require laser surgery.

Since then, Mrs. Johnson has been relatively healthy. This year she was put on a new drug which cuts down on cholesterol. Another angioplasty will probably have to be performed in the near future, but it should be a far less stressful experience.

But with all the talk about arteries and cholesterol and medical techniques, people sometimes forget how emotionally draining it is when you have a heart condition. Just doing this interview brings back memories of all the anger and depression Mrs. Johnson felt as she waited for treatments, not knowing what would happen next or if her heart was going to live up to its part of the bargain. Drugs can also make mood swings more acute, adding to the stress level of caregivers who are the silent sufferers when heart disease hits a family. "My husband Leonard said there were nights he couldn't sleep because he was afraid I'd stop breathing. Your family is scared, too."

A wave of fear swept over Darlene Johnson when Dr. Hughes told her she needed a heart transplant. Sitting there on the examining table,



Although most of the research focuses on men, sisters-in-law Darlene and Shirley Johnson know that heart disease is a woman's health issue. Darlene, left, was slated for a heart transplant before she responded well to medication and when Shirley had a heart attack at age 44, she had by-pass surgery and angioplasty

she literally felt her life flash before her. "I couldn't help but think I wasn't going to survive this," she says, eternally grateful for Dr. Hughes' compassionate response to her outburst. "Here's me bawling my eyes out and he held my hand and rubbed my arm. I just couldn't get over how sympathetic he was."

Dr. Hughes wanted to admit her to hospital in Peterborough right away. Deathly afraid of what may happen in hospital, Ms. Johnson asked if she could go home and spend time with her children first. (Born a Johnson, Darlene recently reverted back to her maiden name after her divorce.) He granted her a two-day reprieve, during which she tried to get her financial life in order in case, as she feared, she wasn't coming home again. It was a very tearful time for the entire family.

The emotional severity of her reaction was in part due to the fact that until Dr. Hughes said she needed a heart transplant, she had no idea she even had a heart problem.

In the months preceding her visit to Dr. Hughes, Ms. Johnson had been feeling weak, running out of breath all the time. In February '93, they thought it was her asthma. In May, they thought it was her pneumonia, complicated by her diabetes. By September, "I felt I couldn't go on. I was tired and bloated and depressed."

During a check up at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre on September 30, her doctor realized there was something seriously wrong and sent Ms. Johnson to Dr. Hughes that day, which was a Thursday. Dr. Hughes confirmed that she had been suffering all along from an enlarged heart.

"I was so full of fluid it was pushing on my heart" and the muscle just couldn't cope any more. In a snowball effect, the pressure on her heart impaired her circulation, which in turn caused even more fluid retention, which put more pressure on her heart. When she was in hospital, she'd lose 19 pounds of fluid.

On the Saturday, she was admitted to hospital to begin a drug treatment. Dr. Hughes said one in a million patients respond well to the treatment, and he would discover that she was that one. "He said I was a miracle."

Although her heart responded well, recovery was still slow and bothersome. Ms. Johnson was very, very weak, tiring after minimal exertion. "I couldn't do anything except wash two cups a day." Were it not for the help of her daughter

Patti Scheffee, who lives downstairs with her family, Ms. Johnson could not have coped with her convalescence. Patti had to do almost everything for her in the first few months, with Darlene's other daughters, Kim and Angela Eade, helping out whenever they could.

For both Darlene and Shirley Johnson, the hardest part of heart disease is adjusting to the limitations their hearts have placed on their lives. Heavy housework is still too strenuous. If Shirley goes to Peterborough, it's a three-day trip — one day resting before she goes, the day in Peterborough, and one day recuperating.

"It's really hard coming home and not being able to do anything. You look at these four walls and wonder if you'll ever get better," says Darlene, whose last check-up in December was very positive. The doctor won't say she'll never need a transplant, but she's off the waiting list of recipients.

"It's a shock when it comes down to the fact you won't be able to keep doing things the way you used to," says her brother's wife. Shirley hasn't been able to work since her surgery because she tires too quickly and she is grateful for all the help and patience she receives from her husband and children.

Of course, now the women are concerned about their own children. Shirley Johnson knows that heart disease runs in both sides of the family. Her mother died of a stroke at age 68 and her husband's father, John, has had a heart condition since 1941. Although his mother, Edith, was more worried about getting cancer, she died of a heart attack this past Christmas day at the age of 74.

All of their children are being careful about their diets and not smoking, although Darlene has yet to be convinced she should quit smoking. Their advice to others is to take more responsibility for their health by following a low-fat, high fibre diet, but also by being prepared to fight for their health. "Keep after your doctor," says Shirley Johnson. "If you're not satisfied, get another opinion."

Of course, it also helps to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation during its fundraising campaign this month. Donations fund research into heart disease — research that these two women hope will start to focus a little more on women. They've needed help in the past and they're worried their children will need it in the future.

Lutterworth reeve blasted by peers for comments

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A former warden was chastised for breaking the code of conduct at county council.

At Wednesday's county council meeting, Jim McMahon was taken to task for telling the *Minden Times* about an in-camera discussion at last month's county council meeting.

He was also accused of working behind council's back to jeopardize the county's application for infrastructure funding.

"Last week's headline in the *Minden Times* does a disservice to the county," said Snowden Reeve George Simmons, referring to the front-page story under the banner "McMahon questions in camera session."

"To quote an individual when it was in committee of the whole is a disgrace and (McMahon) should be disciplined to realize what confidentiality means," says Simmons, who is also a past warden.

In the story, McMahon questioned whether the debate about the new county building should have been closed to the public and then describes the conversation to prove his point, quoting other councillors. In-camera debates are not supposed to be discussed outside the council chambers.

McMahon, who is Lutterworth's reeve, was county warden last year. He spearheaded the application to build a new county building in Minden. The project was approved under the federal/provincial infrastructure program but many of the new councillors questioned whether the county could afford its one-third share of the \$2.1-million project. A steering committee came up with the option of using the money to renovate the exist-

ing building, fix the roof at Hyland Crest and re-divert the remaining money to the local municipalities.

Even though he joined fellow councillors in voting in favour of the new plan, McMahon continued to express his disappointment.

His main argument is that council was not fully aware of all the options. At Wednesday's meeting he wanted to have a "notice of motion" to bring up the subject at the next meeting. Other councillors, still angry about his comments in the newspaper, said the issue was closed.

McMahon acknowledged that the new county building was one of his pet projects. When council agreed to re-apply for the infrastructure funding, "all the cards were not put on the table." He says it was unacceptable to have a proposal from one architect only. "I don't think there was enough research done. I've since got proof of that and I want to re-open it and look at other options. This is taxpayers' money we're playing with."

"How many proposals did you put on the floor?" asked Fearrey, who was on the steering committee. "You gave council one option

(to build a new office) and you're criticizing council for not looking at enough options."

If funding is approved, then the addition will go to tender and there will be other architects submitting proposals, Fearrey said. In the meantime, he felt McMahon's comments in the *Minden Times* were "out of order."

Simmons then asked McMahon whether rumours that McMahon had petitioned MPP Chris Hodgson to lobby against the funding application were true. McMahon said yes, but then he

later said he misunderstood the question. "In discussions with John O'Reilly (the Member of Parliament), I asked him what he thought would be the best way to go. I did not discuss it with Chris Hodgson."

Simmons said "if you don't support resolutions from the county level, you shouldn't be sitting in that seat."

"I think it's an absolute disgrace... to have these people (at county council) take up their precious time to have an unanimous vote (in favour of re-applying for funding) and to have someone to go out and destroy it."

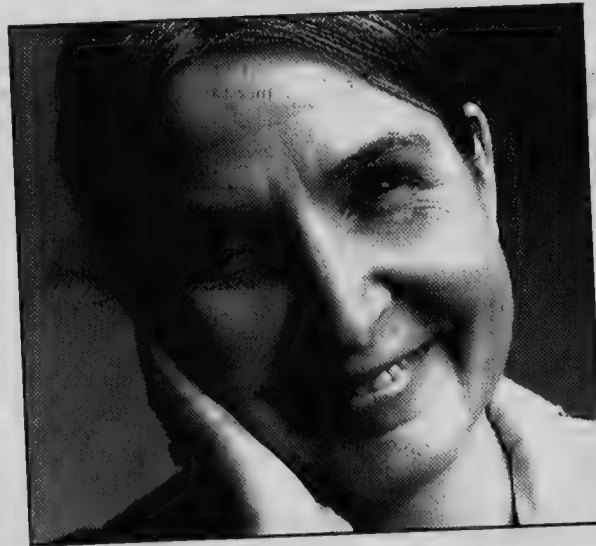
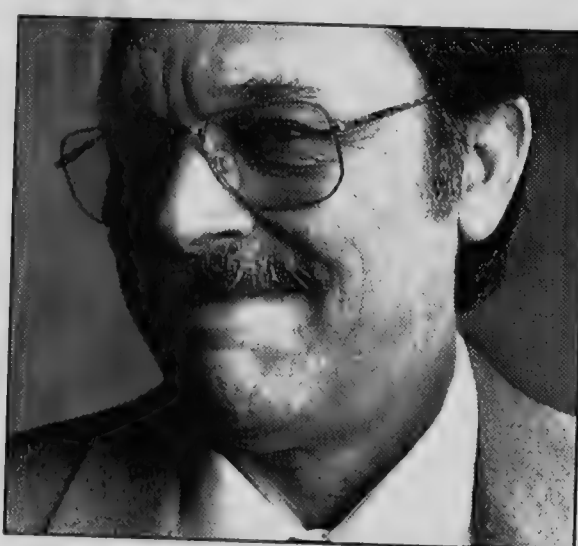
O'Reilly and Hodgson have both written letters in support of the new funding application.

Because McMahon and his deputy, Lisa Mercer, were still insistent about re-opening the discussion at the next meeting, Warden Ross Rabjohn conducted an informal poll to see if other councillors wanted to discuss it again. None of them did. There were some questions about procedure, so Rabjohn asked for a motion in support of the agreement to add on to the present building. Everyone except Mercer voted in favour of this motion.

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PeeWees end their season

By ROGER DART

The Haliburton OMHA PeeWee Huskies went into the lion's den and did not survive. It is tough playing in the Beaverton arena at any time but to go in facing elimination in the playoffs is extra tough. On Sunday, February 12 the PeeWee Huskies dropped a 3-to-0 decision to the Blades in the fourth game of their best of five playoff series giving Beaverton the series 3 games to 1. The Huskies were in a must win situation. Beaverton played as if they were. They did not want to return to Haliburton for a fifth and deciding game.

It was clear early in the game that it was going to be a long night for the Huskies. Three minutes into the game a Beaverton player received a 5-minute penalty for hitting from behind but the Huskies could not score with the man advantage.

As the game wore on, Brian Mulholland turned in another solid performance in Haliburton's net as he and Adam Wilson had done in the previous games. But the Huskie shooters fired only blanks. Haliburton as a team played well defensively anchored by the defense corps of Matt Reid, Cole Glendinning, Devon Dart and Jamie Johnston. The forwards, Greg Luck, Chris Moynes, Mike Morissette, Greg Forgrave, Allan Pugh, Bobby Hebert, Dan Koz and Nic Cochrane, could not solve the good goaltending at Beaverton's end. Smooth winger Blayne Saunders missed the game with a groin pull. Atom player Jamie Luck was added to the roster for the game and looked right at home in a PeeWee uniform.

The PeeWee Huskies have had a good season. It is disappointing to be on the sidelines so early. The heavy thinkers speculate that the winner of this series will be contending for the all Ontario championship come April.

The Huskies have lined up some exhibition games and are looking forward to some tournament action.

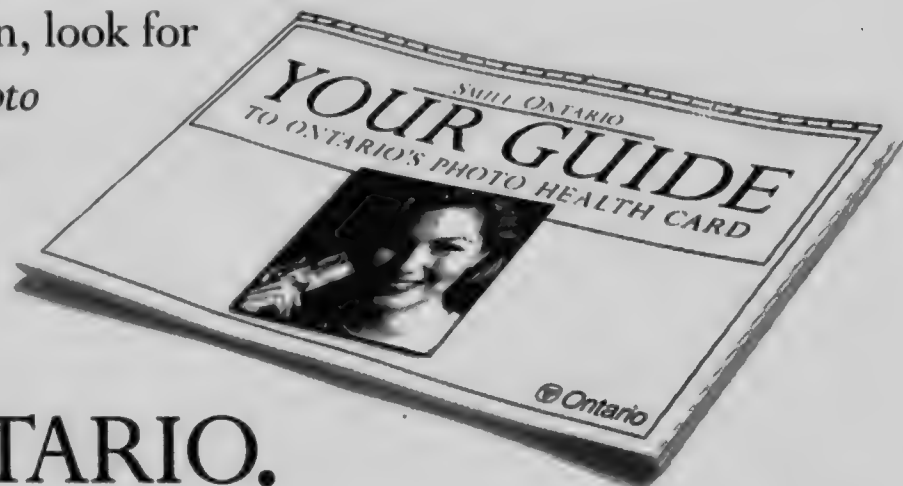
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(The Echo is sorry they're a week late, but we're sure the sentiments expressed are still heartfelt)

Mr. Brydon: I hope you have a good Valentine's Day. Randy Barry

To Mrs. Reynolds: Happy Valentine's Day. Thanks for everything. Love from GC

Happy Valentines Day to the Smiths and a warm welcome. From GC!

To my best friend Kendra: I hope you have a great Valentine's Day. From your friend Megan Paul

Megan and Kendra: Have a Happy Valentine's Day. From Nicole Sisco

Happy Valentine's Day Dorothy Graham, From Robbie Greenwood

Mom and Dad: Thank you for always being there for me and for giving me the gift of life. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. Puddin' XOXO

To Mom and Dad: We really hope you have a great Valentine's Day. We love you very much. With all our love, Megan, Neil and Daniel

Dear Mom and Dad: Happy Valentine's Day. Best wishes, love your daughter Charlyn

Mama and Tata: You said these valentines were supposed to be for a sweetheart! Well, you two aren't only sweet, but very dear to my heart too! I love you both! Happy Valentine's Day, love your number 1 baby girl

To Ricky and Mommy: All Valentine wishes are sent to you this very day. Will you be my valentine? I love you a lot, Love Always Nikki

Stacey and Matthew: You are my sweet, little Valentines every day of the year! I love you just the way you are. Hugs and kisses, Mom

I love you all my friends, Lloyd, Murdock, Bruce, Jocy, Aud, Carrie, Megan, Jord, Winter, Sandra, Adam, Cole, Ryan, Selbie, Marty, Nic, Ian B., Chad, Dan, Ken, Mike, Brian P., Ian D. Love Derek

Dear Gramma and Grampa: Happy Valentines Day. All valentian wishes are sent to you. I love you a lot. Love always, Nikki

Koereste Daniel: Tusind tak for de sidste tre måneder - heldigvis have vi en god dag idag, og mange gode tider frem af. Dealle Koereste hilsner, Meaghan Kys, knus og smil!

This is to my mother and father. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day, love Lisa

To DBS: Every day is Valentine's Day when I'm married to my best friend! Love KADS

To all of my wonderful friends, Carrie, Kim, Jocy, Aud, Sandra, Jordie, Megan, Derek, Cole, Adam, Chad, Ian D., Ian B., Brian, Matt, Ryan, Kenny, Danny and Nick. Happy Valentine's

Day, love Winter

I want to say hi to all my beautiful friends, Megan, Laurie, Chad, Carrie, Jocelyn, Adam, Nic, Cole, Ian, Matt, Derrick, Winter, Sandra, Kim, Danny and Ryan. Happy Valentine's Day. By Jordana Bain

Happy Valentine's to my Mom and Dad, who are Dennis and Roxanny Casey. I love you with all my heart. Best wishes on this Valentine's Day. Love Lindsay Casey

I would like to say Happy Valentine's Day to my Mom and Dad and my two brothers and my Aunt Rhonda because she's very sick and Jane and Jason. Happy Valentine's. Love Amanda Bacon

A poem from my heart:
Hot hearts are red,
Hershey Kisses are brown
But those things don't mader
As long as you are around
Happy Valentine Day Mom, Dad and Ryan. Love Elizabeth Goldenberg

Happy Valentine's Day to the three best kids any family could ever have. I love you lots! Mom

To the best Grandma and Grandpa ever! Have a very happy Valentine's Day. Love Kelly, Terry and Andrew

Dear Dad and Anne: Have a wonderful Valentine's Day! Love your kids, Kelly, Terry, Andy and merci

To Mom and Dad, We hope you have a great Valentine's Day. With all our love, Nicole, Matt, Craig and Hailey

To Mrs. Bain: Thank you for everything and Happy Valentine's Day. Love Meghan Kennedy

To Jay Mole: Happy Valentines Day!!!! From Amy Pergolas

To My Valentine: Thank you for almost 27 years of patience, understanding and love. Your Nummy

To my grandparents Jock and Betty Mavor and my parents Martyn and Rayma Mavor. Have a happy Valentine Day from your son Brad Mavor

Dear Mom and Dad: I hope you have the best Valentine's Day. Love Shawna

To Mom: Thank you for all the things you've done for me. Have a happy Valentines and have a great birthday this month. Love Heather

To the best teacher in the world. To the nicest teacher in the world. To the kindest teacher in the world, Mrs. Dawson. Love from GC

To Mom and Dad, Jenny, Ainsley, Alaina, Amanda R., Kristen, Shannon, Amy D., Chris A., Ashley A., Sarah B., Sara T. Happy Valentine's Day, love Crystal Alden

Mom and Dad: Roses are red and violets are blue, I hope your Valentine's Day is very good. Love Trudy Bacon

I'd like to say Happy Valentine's Day to my Mom, Dad, Lindsay, Grandma,

Grampa, Ante Nell, Uncle Tim, Pat, Jennifer, Jason, Joana and Pam, Ante Nadine, Uncle All, Andrea and Kasey. Happy Valentine's Day from Danielle

Dear Mom, Happy Valentine's Day. We all love you! Love Kelly, Boots, Terry, Andy, Tim and Walter

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lashley: Thank you so much for giving birth to me. I love you both! Your daughter, Caroline

I would like to say Happy Valentine's Day to my Grandma and Grampa Dawson. From Terry Dawson

Happy Valentine's Day Sandra and Miles Roberts. From Laine

Happy Valentine's Day Mrs. Dawson! You are the best teacher in the world! I like because the stuff we do with you in class! Dennis Parnell

I love you both more today than I did yesterday but less than tomorrow.

Happy Valentine's Day Courtney Wilson. Roses are red, violets are blue, I have a lawnmower, can you swim? Love ?

To Mom, Dad, Caitly and Dylan: Hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day. Love ya, from Shannon

To my Mom and Dad and to all my friends, Happy Valentine's Day. From Michelle Russell

To Mom, Dad, Tara, Nanny and Gerry. Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks for everything. You're the best family ever! Love Tracy Lynn Tibbitts

To my Sweetheart Judy: Your eyes are like Princess Jazman's. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Fast Eddy

Happy Valentine's Day Meghan K!!! Love, your secret admirer

Rose, Vence and friends: Hope your day is the best. Your friend and whatever, Laura O'Connell

I love you Mom and Dad. From Andrew English

To Kurt D: Happy Valentines Day. I will all ways love you. Love you know who

To Jeremy Douglas: You're holding the keys to my heart. From your secret admirer

Happy Valentine's Day to all our friends in Minden. You know who you are!! From Britney, Meghan, Courtney, Ashley, Amy, Vanessa, Katie and Andrea

To my Mom and Dad, who takes good care of me. I think you are the best can be. I love you, Stacy T. XOXOXO

To Mom and Dad: Happy Valentine's Day. We love you, Erica and Robert

Happy Valentine's Day to my sweet-heart Jackie. Love Stuart

Happy Valentine's Day Mom and Dad. XOXO Emily Bjelis

Happy Valentine's Grandma and

Frank. Love always, Valerie Sutcliffe XOXO

INGA: Roses may be red
Violets may be blue
But NO ONE could be more
Wonderful than you!
Happy Valentines Day and soon-to-be birthday! We'll miss you when you're gone! Love Rebeka and Amanda

Happy Valentine's Day VCKGAJAD-JAMJMKJADS. From Britney

To Mitch: Happy Valentine's Day! Love Ashley

To my Special Valentine: I've acted like a jerk in front of you yet I'll always love you! (Terry Howden) Love always, Loretta Micallef

Happy Valentines Ben Smith. I love you. Luv Angela Fearrey

Dear Dad: You have always been there for me and helped me with anything I needed help with. So I hope you have a really HAPPY Valentine's Day. Love from Becki Howitt

Happy Birthday Inga and Rebeka on the 24th and 18th. Love from your friends Dana, Reagan, Stephanie, Jenny and Amanda

To a very special friend at JDHES. Happy Valentine's Day from Ed

Dear Mom and Dad: Have a very Happy Valentine's Day! Love Denise

Have a fabulous Valentine's Day to Sheri and Jenny. Love Dad

This Valentine greeting goes to my beautiful lady friend. To Judy from Fast Eddy

To Mom and Dad and Justin: Happy Valentine's love from Krista McConnell. I love you guys!

To Mom and Dad, Stephanie R., Dana P., Reagan B., Crystal A., Alaina B., Sarah B., Rebeka B. and Amy D. Happy Valentine's Day Love Jenny Brooks

Happy Valentine's Mom and Dad! From your ONLY daughter Amanda

Happy Valentine's Day to Mom and Dad, Autumn and Regan! Love Caley

I love my sister Kyra and Kyra, Happy Valentines Day!! Love Amana Mouse Robinson

To Mom and Dad: Roses are red, Violets are blue, You are the best and I love you. Love Lisa

Dear Mom Hawco. I love you very much and hope you love me to. I hope you will be my swee Valentin so I can be your's to. P.S. Keep smiling, I love you, April Hawco

Dear Mom and Dad: Happy Valentine's Day! And happy valentine's day to all my friends. Love Steph Sternberg. P.S. Jesse too!

To the best grandparents ever, Mark and Edna Schell. From your're granddaug-ter Angela

To my family, Happy Valentines Day with lots of love. Jenny Moynes

Happy B-Day Sheilaigh and Scotty. Kieran S - I love you. Mikey, Tommy, Sammie and Sophie - keep cool. Miss St. Matt's. K & C. Sabourin. Dave L's swelled head. See ya! Stefanie S. (Freddie)

Happy Valentine's Day to the best Mom and Dad in the world! We both love you very much. Lots of love, Vanessa and Alicia XOXOXOXO

Dear Mom and Dad: I hope you have a very happy Valentine's Day! Love Laura

Happy Valentine's Day Mom and Dad, Tanis and Paige, Nan, Gramma and Gramps, Auntie Sue, Uncle Lindsey, Uncle Dave, Aunt Cindy, Auntie Kim, Uncle Ken and everyone else. Happy Valentine's Day, love Katie Carey

To Mike Ogle, Lisa Roberson and Jamie Ogle. Happy Valentine's. Love Casey Ogle

Happy Valentine's to the Morissette family! From Mike Morissette

Happy Valentine's Day Mom, Dad, Jenna, Ainsley, Kristen, Amanda R., Jen, Rebeka, Amanda C., Inga, Regan, Danda, Stephanie and Crystal. Love Alaina

To Amy Sarah and Shannon. Happy Valentine's Day! From Angela Fearrey

Mom and Dad, I hope you had a wonder Valentines Day and many more. Love Kim

Rose's are red, Vilots are blue, Sugar is sweet and so are you. To Grandma Bagshaw Love Kim

To my sister: This is a special way for me to say Happy Valentine's Day. I want to be the best sister ever just for you. From your only and best sister, Jinelle

Hope you have a great Valentines and to many more. To Nanny, Tom and Popa Misco. Love Kim

To Sarah B., Amanda C., Rebecca B., Britney H., Amy P., Ashley H., Meghan K., Kate C., Andrea B. and many more. have a great Valentine's Day. Busy eh!

Happy Valentine's Day to Mom and Dad, Leah and Gram! Love Taryn

Happy Valentine to Camila Pettit. From Doug Fielding

Happy Valentines Day to a great family. Hope you have a wonderful day. Love your daughter Winter

Happy Valentines day Nana from your friend Amelia

To Scheffee, the one I love. From your tall, blond secret admirer

To Grandma: Roses are red, Violets are blue, No one could love you as much as I do. Love Erin Fearrey

Happy Valentine's Day Mom and Dad. Love Sarah XOXO

I wish my Mom and Dad a great Valentine's and my sister and brother Meghan Hie

To my dearest mother, Cathy Collier. I wish her a happy Valentine's Day. Love Stacie. XOXO

To Karen Gill-Dennie (my mother) and Robert Dennie (my dad): A Happy Anniversary to a couple in love on Valentine's Day. Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad. Love your daughters Stacey and Mandy

To Mom, Dad, Grampa and Grama Love your super star football player Behn Barker

To Mrs. Dawson. Roses are red, Violets are blue, Your the best teacher and we like you! Love David F and Ryan U

Happy Valentines Day to Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa Schell, Grandma and Grandpa Fairry, uncles and aunts and relatives. Best wishes Love Ashley Fearrey

Happy Valentine's Day to Laurie, Larry, Judy, Julie, and Rob. I wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and i'm glad I have you. Love Ashley Thibadeau

I wish my mom, my dad, my sister and all my relatives a happy Valentines Day. Love Courtney Hartin

To Gramma P: Please be my valentine. Nikita -H-F

Happy 10th Birthday Shannon from your only sister Katie

Mrs. Smith and class: You have been so nice over this past year. Happy Valentine's Day. From Crystal Coumbis

Mom and Sara: I love you. I hope your day is just right. Love Laura

I would like to wish my Mom, Dad, Nathan and my Grandma a Happy Valentine's Day. Alana Woodcock

Happy Valentine's Day to Shawn, Terry Howden, DJ Kay, Cory Burk, Ashley Howden, Loretta my best friend, Lori Newbatt my mom, from Jeannie Paterson

To Mom and Dad: Happy Valentine's Day and we love you. Love from Kerrie-Sue and Ian and Scott and Jennifer

Happy Valentine's Day Mom, Dad, Katie, Bronson, Grace Spohe and Blue Lowe. Shannon McKechnie

Happy Valentines Devon and Steve from your best friend Allan

Happy Valentines Day to my mom, dad, taylor and Jessica from Brodie Allen

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Packard: You are the best parents. From Jennifer Packard. I love you both

To C.R. Thank you for being a special friend. Happy Valentines Day. From S.E.

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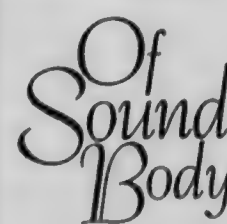
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Rockets blast their opponents

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Wilberforce Minor Hockey

The PeeWees got off to a good start this week in Minden. The Rockets ended the first period with a flurry of activity and continued into the second when Jason Woodcox passed the puck to Chris Alden who came from behind the net to score. Two minutes later, there was a beautiful passing play between Chris Alden and Randy Bard and finally to Jason Woodcox to score. Great teamwork guys! With four minutes left in the second Ian Brown passed the puck to Corby Semple at the sweet spot and he scored to put the Rockets up 3-0 against the Monarchs. One minute later Corby got his second of the night with well earned assists going to Adam Passaretti and Ian Brown. The kids thought they had it in the bag at 4-0 until the last five minutes of the game when Minden capitalized with three goals in two minutes. It was scary for a while and the Minden goalie was ready to exit for the extra forward, but the Rockets kept the puck in Minden's end for the rest of the period. Only two penalties in the whole game - a nice treat for the fans. Final score Wilberforce 4 - Minden 3.

The Novices played Bobcaygeon on home turf Friday night. The play was end to end with even pressure to begin with, but just before the end of the first Mitchell Clarkson put the team on the scoreboard with an unassisted goal. Very early into the second period Terry Bannon brought the score up to two. Four minutes later Terry made a great pass to Mitchell who popped it in the net to bring the Rockets up to three. In the third period it was Matthew Reil's turn to get the puck to Gavin Swan who blasted one by Bobcaygeon's goalie. Final score - Wilberforce 4 - Bobcaygeon 0.

Cannington came to town for a match with our Major Tykes on Saturday and were able to get on the scoreboard first with on and a half minutes into the game. Shortly thereafter it was Shawn Crowder who put one between the pipes for the Rockets to tie the game. With just sixteen seconds left in the opening period Cannington got the go ahead goal. By the end of the second period Cannington was in the lead by three. Galen Bowman got the puck to Shawn Crowder who passed it in the front of the net to Travis MacKay popping it in the net. Cannington continued to press and with 46 seconds left in the game scored their last. Final score: Cannington 5 - Rockets 2.

The Atoms travelled Saturday night to Woodville. By the second period, Woodville was the only one on the scoreboard with two. Then David Arseneault was able to pass the puck out to Ben DeCarlo who fired it into the net. Halfway through the third Woodville scored again foiling any chances for a win. Final score: Woodville 3 - Rockets 1.

The Major Tykes travelled to downtown Beaverton on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to play one of the top Major Tyke teams. They worked really hard this day to come away with a 4-1 loss which is really outstanding for them. Kevin Bowman got a breakaway and shot on the goalie but to no avail. He picked up his own rebound and backhanded it in.

In three meetings with Woodville, though the score was always very close, the win had eluded our Novices. On a playoff roll of no losses, the stakes were extra high with this being a four point game. We really needn't have wondered at all. From digging the puck in the corners, to passing between players, from defensive plays to goalie plays, this group never stopped working

as a team. By the end of the first period the Rockets had scored three. Gavin Swan passed to Mitchell Clarkson behind the net who passed a beauty onto Terry Bannon's stick, and he shot it in the top corner. Aaron Donaldson scored the next two unassisted goals. Woodville managed to get on the scoreboard but it wasn't long before Mitchell Clarkson passed one to Gavin Swan who made a great play to score. Woodville got one more in the second. The game continued with beautiful passing and great plays but none squeaked by the Woodville goalie. Rocket goalie, Matthew Davidson, saw more action in this game than all the others combined and made several awesome saves. Final score - Rockets 4 - Woodville 2. This brings the Novices to five wins, two ties and no losses. Teamwork has been the key here. Awesome!

It was the Atoms' turn to host Woodville the day after the night before so to speak. The team was wanting to win this game big time. Woodville scored twenty-eight seconds into the game but shortly after the Rocket's David Arseneault scored to equalize the game. Wilberforce's relentless pressure paid off halfway through the first when Sean Passaretti passed to Kenny Mott at the point and he one-timed a blast of a shot into the net to put them in the lead. Woodville tied it just a couple of minutes later but the scoring wasn't over. With one second left in the period, Ben DeCarlo made a beautiful pass to Sean Passaretti who scored to put them into the lead yet again. In the second Woodville tied it once more. This was an exciting game as pucks were going everywhere, just not into the nets. Team work was quite evident between this group. Many great passing plays were made. Great teamwork fellas! Final score: Rockets 3 - Woodville 3.



SLIPPERY ROADS: Haliburton resident Cheuk Wah Chow lost control of his vehicle Tuesday afternoon going north on Hwy 121 and slid into the ditch taking the Puffer Road sign with them. Neither Chow, nor the two passengers in the car with him, were injured and a tow truck was called to help get them back on the road.

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

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Congratulations to Gordon and Joyce Kay, who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sun. Feb. 26th. An open house at the Norland Baptist Church, is planned for Sun. Feb. 26th from 1-4 p.m.

It's dog tag time. Buy your tag now, before Apr. 1st and save. Available in Bexley at the township office on Grandy Road.

The cold weather has again created a safe spot on the pond for those who like to skate out doors. Just make sure you are on the designated spot, as there is thin ice in some areas and open water too.

Sincere sympathy goes out to Barb (Benson) Nicholson and her family in the sudden passing of her husband, Orland Nicholson. Orland was a

farmer and in the construction business, and lived on the Glenarm Road.

Sympathy too, to Helen Powell and her family, in the passing of her husband, Russell Powell. Russell had been ill for two years, and had lived all his life in the Powell settlement on the French Settlement Rd. just west of Coboconk.

Get well wishes to Earl Hughes, Vera Weaver, Flo Peel, Doreen Miller, Barbara Murchinson and Sam Routley, who have all been in hospital. Also sick at home are Nora Lee and Olive Goodhand.

The annual "Sweethearts Banquet" was held in the Community Hall on Sat. evening, Feb. 11th. The Legion is planning

a St. Patrick's dance for March 17th. February is Heart and Stroke Month, just a gentle reminder.

The Girl Guides and Brownies are out selling their famous cookies. Support them when they call, or call Barb Fildey to order yours.

The six teams of horses and sleighs were kept busy at the Balsam Lake

Provincial Park on Sunday, Feb. 12th.

Shelly Parker had a birthday on Feb. 12th and her family arranged a sleigh ride for her. Her mom and dad, hubby and kids and other family members, made it a special day for Shelly.

Also, the Tifts family and friends about forty in all enjoyed a horse sleigh ride sponsored by the Coboconk Lions Club.

Dorset

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A happy birthday to Jon Derry.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the family and friends of Don Parsons who passed away after a prolonged illness. Don was a member of the Dorset Senior Club and has many friends. A

special condolence to his widow, Ella. Our thoughts are with her.

The stormy weather does not deter the snowmobilers. There was a Poker Run on Saturday and I guess they came from all over to participate in it.

Valentine party a time for families, too

Extendicare

Barbara Fryer

February 20, 1995: Monday afternoon we decorated a cake for our Valentine's Day party. Eddie Picard entertained with accordion and song.

We are thankful for the family members and volunteers who helped with the party.

Fred led us in Bible study. Betty Wise, Betty Inglis and Mary Packard assisted in Bingo.

Thursday afternoon, with the help of Grace Berardi, we had a wonderful lunch and social time at the Legion with the Seniors Group.

Our Birthday Cake was donated by The Gospel Light House. Entertainment was supplied by Myra and Mabel.

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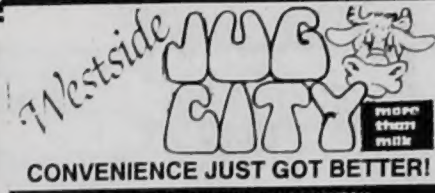
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As a volunteer with the Winterfest Radar Run, I would like to thank all the others who participated and made the event go very smoothly. Special thanks are due the Haliburton B.I.A. and specifically, Les Feero and John Stethem for their support. The complimentary breakfast and lunch were especially nice on a cold day. Thanks gentlemen. Scott Doan.

WE WOULD sincerely like to thank Dr. Lobsigner and his staff for their special care and the nurses at Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital during our stay. Heidi and Chris Nelthorpe.

I WOULD LIKE to express my sincere thanks to all my friends who came and helped me celebrate my special birthday. It was a great time and one I'll never forget. The gifts and cards were super and enjoyable. Special thanks to my wife Betty, my sister Elva and friend Toots for organizing the event and to Shelley for the lovely decorative cake. Thanks to all. Gerald Hicks.

MARLENE CHATTERTON would like to thank Dr. Conway, the nurses and staff of Haliburton Hospital for their expertise and care during her recent illness. Your excellent care was most appreciated. Also many thanks to family, friends and neighbours for their many acts of kindness.

WAYNE, JUDY, TONYA AND TROY EMMERSON would like to express their sincere thanks to those people who showed their kindness in words, donations and thoughts in our deep loss of Jeff. We would also like to thank all the members of the Haven of Rest Chapel and the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for all their help and support.

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS my thanks to all those who helped me during my recent accident. These people will always hold a special place - James, Mike, Melanie, Chris, Kimberley, Steve, fire department crew, ambulance attendants, police, Dr. Gammon, the hospital staff and especially my parents. To the unknown lady from Dallas who stayed with me until the ambulance came - thank you. I appreciate all the support and good wishes that have been expressed since the accident. I am fine thanks to all of you ... and to a caring community. Thank you so very much, Jean-Anne Middleton.

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BROOKS SCOTT
Born Feb. 9, 1995. 7 pounds 5 ounces at Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital. Proud parents Heidi and Chris. Lots of happy grandparents Sandra Whittaker of Haliburton, Curry Whittaker of Tenn., Colin and Brenda Nelthorpe of Owen Sound. Excited great grandparents Lloyd and Hazel Whittaker of Haliburton, Murray and Cecilia Scott of West Guilford, Verona and Irvin McKinnon of Shallow Lake, Rene and Lucille Desmarais of Quebec and Colin Nelthorpe of B.C.

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390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Suddenly in Sebring Florida
on Tuesday, February 14, 1995
A.G. FRED BIDGOOD
In his 73rd year.

Beloved husband of Nancy of RR#2 Echo Hills Apts. Haliburton. Private Service in Florida.

FLOYD, LOIS PATRICIA - In her 43rd year, cherished wife and best friend of Peter. Lois waged a courageous battle against cancer but lost her struggle at home on Sunday, February 12, 1995. Lois was the dear third daughter of Isabella and Walter Thomas (Haliburton) and beloved sister of Karen Turner (Haliburton), Beverley Pavuls (Toronto) and Carol Dewey (Haliburton). Only dear daughter-in-law of Dorothy and Hank Floyd. Sister-in-law of Elizabeth Floyd, Barbara Magee and Carolyn Munson. Lois also leaves a long list of nieces, nephews, friends and young children whose lives she touched with her love, inspiration and sense of humor. A private service will be held. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that remembrances of Lois be made to the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation, 500 Sherbourne St., Toronto, Ontario M4X 1K9.

AT REST
Suddenly at Minden Hospital
on Tuesday, February 14, 1995
GORDON DANIEL KELLEY
In his 87th year.

Beloved husband for 53 years of Ruth, dear father of Don and his wife Joy of Milburn, Georgia, Brock and his wife Helen of Caledon East, Cindy and her husband Don McElwain of Gelert, loving grandfather of Kevin, Troy and Laura, Tosha, Kim, Duane, Gavin and Mathew, brother of the late Bruce, Howard, Percy, Ada Stevens, Alma Lewis and Roxie Ingham. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Thursday, February 16th at 4:00 p.m. Spring Interment in Mount Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund or the Cancer Society would be appreciated.

AT REST
Peacefully at her home,
R.R.#1, Minden on Monday,
February 13, 1995
ERMA LILLIAN LITTLE
(nee DUGAN)
In her 59th year

beloved wife of Ronald Little, dear mother of William and his wife Susan Little of Lochlin, Judith Little of Minden and Janet and her husband Bill Donnelly of Lochlin, loving grandmother of Cara, Sheamus and Elizabeth Donnelly, Christopher and Heather Little and Adrian and Kaila Rawlings, dear sister of Carl Dugan, predeceased by Audrey Burke and Ross Dugan, special mother to Julian Fuhr and special grandma to Shawna Hill. Fondly remembered by her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and nieces and nephews. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Thursday, February 16th at 1:30 p.m. Spring interment in Ingoldsby Cemetery. Memorial Donations to Lochlin Church or the Cancer Society would be appreciated.

AT REST
Suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, February 16, 1995
ALFRED TOM SISSON
In his 72nd year.

Beloved husband of Phyllis, dear father of Mike and Brenda of West Guilford, Cathy of Minden, Faye of Edmonton, Alberta and Linda of Chemainus, B.C., loving grandfather of 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, brother of Art and Frank. At Alfred's request, there will be no Funeral Service. Arrangements by the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, Minden.

400 IN MEMORIAM

A TRIBUTE TO MY FAMILY - In loving memory of my brother Lyle Coumbs who passed away Nov. 18/74, my dear dad Christie Coumbs who died Feb. 25/89 and my loving mother Florence Coumbs who died Mar. 19/93.

I often lie awake at night
When the world is fast asleep.
And take a walk down memory lane
With tears upon my cheeks.
The years I had with you
Are worth their weight in gold.
The joy and laughter that you gave me
Are mine to have and hold.
Remembering you is easy
I do it every day.
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away.
I hold you close within my heart
And there you will remain
To walk with me throughout my life.
Until we meet again.
Sadly missed by Doreen, Ken, Dan and Bill.

COUMBS, CHRISTOPHER - In memory of our dear Grandpa, Christopher Coumbs who died, Feb. 25, 1989.

It only takes a little space,
To write how much we miss you,
But it will take the rest of our lives
To forget the day we lost you.
To forget the day we lost you.
All our Love: Grandson's: Kenneth, Chris, wife Melinda and great grandson Christopher.

EVERSON, BEATRICE - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, and nana, who passed away February 26, 1991.

As time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you ever near.
Silent thoughts of time together,
Hold memories that will last forever.
Sadly missed by husband Bill and Family.

HENRY, HARRY - In loving memory of a dear husband and father who passed away Feb. 22nd, 1965.

Thirty years have come and gone
Your memory still alive and strong
Always missed, never forgot
We keep you with us, in our thoughts.
Forever in our hearts Beryl, Floyd, Leo, Colleen, Ken and Harry.

LITTLE, DONALD - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Donald Little who passed away Feb. 25/88.

No longer in our lives to share
Quietly remembered every day
But in our hearts you are always there.
Sadly missed by wife Eva and family.

MacKENZIE, DONELDA - In loving memory of a dear aunt who passed away Feb. 25, 1992.

We had an Aunt with a heart of gold
Who was more to us than wealth untold.
Without farewell she fell asleep
With only memories for us to keep.
Lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews Alberta, Bernie, Cheryl, David, Erin and their families.

MacKENZIE, DONELDA - In loving memory of a caring sister who was taken home Feb. 25, 1992.

Memories are treasures no one can steal
Death is a heartbreak no one can heal
Life goes on, I know that is true.
But never the same since we lost you.

Sadly missed, always lovingly remembered by Marjorie and George, and Lyle and Carol.

NICHOLLS, ANTHONY - In loving memory of a dear son and brother who passed away Feb. 20, 1991.

A sadness still comes over me,
Tears in silence often flow,
Memory keeps you ever near,
Though you died four years ago.
Love Dad and Sisters.

NICHOLLS, ANTHONY - In loving memory of a our dear grandson Anthony who passed away Feb. 20, 1991.

He was only a little white rose,
A sweet little flower from birth,
God took him home to heaven
Before he was soiled on earth.
Missed and loved by Grandma & Grandpa.

NICHOLLS, ANTHONY - In loving memory of our dear nephew who passed away Feb. 20, 1991.

We love you so,
We miss you so,
We long to kiss your sweet rosebud mouth,
We will never forget you, little angel.
Sadly missed by aunts and uncles and cousins.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the estate of
FREDERICK FOUNTAIN
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the late Frederick Fountain, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 31st day of January, 1995, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 7th day of March, 1995.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 3rd day of February, 1995. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the estate of
ADA LYDIA LEWIS.
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Ada Lydia Lewis, of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 21st day of October, 1994, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned Executor/Administrator for the said Estate on or before the 14th day of March, 1995.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the Executor/Administrator below shall have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 16th day of February, 1995. Gary McKnight, Box 30 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Village keeps growing with birth of Duchenes' baby girl

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper - 754-2388

Congratulations to Vince and Chris Duchene on the birth of their daughter Jessica Christine, on Feb. 11 in Peterborough, and to grandparents Emile and Jane Duchene.

Janet Young of Burdock-Bitter Lake area plans an indoor craft and garage sale on March 18th at the Centre. Tables may be rented for your crafts or baking at \$5.00. Call for details at 754-3909. Children's clothing and

sports equipment may be handed over to Janet for sale on consignment. Janet hopes to repeat the sale possibly every two months and labels it "Enchanted Addict Sale." Welcome to her and her husband Gary and family Nathan and Erin who moved into the Kennis Lake area last summer.

Evelyn Bradley of Thunder Bay spent a week with her mother Elva Cooper early in February. Evelyn's daughter, Lynn

Domville and sons Matthew and Marc of Montreal were weekend visitors at Sid and Louise Cooper's during this time as well.

Maggie Milne has been home for reading week from her course at Wycliffe College where she is studying for ordination.

At the Centre aerobics goes on every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Snowshuffle happens on Feb. 25 with registration at the Centre.

Sympathy to the family of Alfred Sisson of West Guilford who died Feb. 16th.

Various churches reach out

Gooderham

Anne Costeloe - 447-2400

This past week has been a busy one. The poker run and spaghetti dinner followed by the Valentine Dance were a great success. The Women's Mission of the Gooderham Pentecostal Church sponsored a Women's Day Retreat and luncheon, with guest speakers Camilla Gavin on "The role of women in the church today" and Susan Wilson speaking about the S.I.R.C.H. Safe House being built in Haliburton.

Despite the recent departure of Pastor Steve Warr and his wife Cindy (who will be greatly missed by many) the Gooderham Pentecostal Church remains very active in the community. The Sunday 11 a.m. service is led by visiting Pastor Ron Gavin, and Sunday School is at 10

a.m. just prior to the service. The Monday Quilting group at the church continues to thrive, Mondays from 1-4. The Women's Mission meeting is held on the last Monday of the month from 10 - 12 a.m. (with Bible study followed by an hour of crafts) - open to all (women). New members are welcome.

The Reformed Church continues to meet in the downstairs rooms of the Township building, service led by Rev. Don Waterhouse, with Sunday school for the children. The United Church holds its Sunday service led by Rev. Bob McMath at 10 a.m.

Congratulations to Mike and Shannon Hunter on the arrival of their baby girl, born on Sunday February 5, at Oshawa

General hospital. Gooderham Elementary School student of the week is Simon Laws, who is being recognized for his literary creativity. Simon composed a seasonal Japanese style poem, a haiku, titled "Loving".

Love is in your heart
It's in everybody's heart
We all have a heart.

Some of the older students are learning to play chess with the hope of entering a chess tournament. They are looking for a little lunch hour practice. Are there any chess players in Gooderham who would like to drop in for a friendly game of chess?

This week is Guide/Scout Week in Gooderham. The Guiding/Scouting movement celebrates its 85th anniversary this year. The Gooderham Guides will be honoring the occasion with a special assembly at the school on February 22 - "Thinking Day".

Highland Grove dinner a success

Wilberforce

Flo Elliott - 448-2618

Even though it was a cold, windy evening on Sat. Feb. 11th, the delicious roast beef dinner in Highland Grove was a great success. The food was plentiful with tender roast beef, potatoes, turnips, peas and corn as well as salads, buns, tea or coffee and about four kinds of pie. Everything was well prepared and served. Congratulations to the hard working committee.

Friday Feb. 10th was so stormy that there was a very poor attendance at the Euchre party, with only four tables playing. The committee really thanks those who came out. The lone hands were won by Bob Hayward, men's high Richard Cripp, Ladies high Irma Dunford, Ladies low Brad Crane, and Mens low Paul Huffman. The door prize was won by Richard Cripp. The next card party

will be on Feb. 24th at 7:30 at the Lloyd Watson Center.

The Monmouth Seniors' Club is organizing a talent night on June 3rd. This will be a benefit with proceeds going to help refurbish the Lloyd Watson Center. We would like to ask any group that uses the hall free of charge to donate some talent towards this evening. Of course any individual who would like to contribute would be very welcome as well. If we could have perhaps 10 to 15 minutes from each contributor we

would soon have an evening of entertainment to offer the public. I'm sure if we get together we will be able to turn this into an evening of great fun and community spirit. So if you can dance, sing or play an instrument, please call me at 448-2618 or Ernie Hemphill at 448-2340 to register.

Breaking the ice at the Monmouth Curling Club: Members of the Club will be demonstrating what all that shouting is about on Sunday afternoon March 5, when they host a "Break the Ice" gathering

at the club's Wilberforce rink. Anyone who has been wondering what those yells of "Hard: hard: hard: hard:" have to do with curling can get an answer to that and other questions about "The roaring Game" by joining President Jack Ward and other members of the club between 3 and 5 p.m. - that's Sunday March 5.

The above will take place immediately following the Loop Troupe's play on Sunday afternoon, so this is a chance to get a full afternoon out on the town.

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February 27 HALIBURTON WOMEN'S AGLOW invites you to their monthly fellowship meeting - a luncheon - at noon. St. George's Anglican Church. Cost: \$5.00. Speaker: Barb Bader, past president of Women's Aglow and area board rep. for North Central. Come and bring a friend!

February 28 ST. GEORGE'S PANCAKE SUPPER will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. \$15 per family; \$4.50 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12. Children under 5 are free. Invite your friends to join you for an evening of food and fellowship.

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